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Children in DCF care lag in vaccinations

More than 60% of those eligible not inoculated

By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

Amid an accelerating surge of COVID-19 in Connecticut, vaccination among children in the custody of the Department of Children and Families lags significantly

behind that of children statewide. For children in DCF care ages 5 to 11, vaccination rates are particularly low: Just 3.5% have received at least one dose of the vaccine, as of Dec. 16. That's only 29 children out of 841 in that age group, who have been eligible for the vaccine for

the past seven weeks. By comparison, 30% of all 5- to 11-year-olds in Connecticut have received at least one dose, according to state data released last Thursday. "It's alarming, when the recommendations from the leading health professionals in the world are to be vaccinated, that so many children are not," Sarah Eagan, the

state's child advocate, said Friday of the agency data. In total, about 800 children ages 5 to 23 in DCF care have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, representing 38% of the roughly 2,200 kids who are eligible for the vaccine, according to agency data. More than 1,300 children, or 62% of those eligible, remain

unvaccinated. (Most children and young adults in the care of DCF are younger than 18, though in some cases, those as old as 23 continue to receive services.) The process of vaccinating children in DCF care can be prolonged, in some cases, because

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JAN. 6 INSURRECTION: Insurrectionists loyal to President Donald Trump scale the west wall of the the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Jan. 6. **JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP**



CRITICAL RACE THEORY: Lucy Bowers and Lillian Corbiere counter-protest the public forum on critical race theory at the Guilford Community Center in June. **SOFIE BRANDT/HARTFORD COURANT**



COVID-19 POLICIES: Gov. Ned Lamont talks with student Alex Freeman during a news conference Nov. 3 at Newington High School in which the Screen and Stay initiative was announced. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**



RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS FOR CHILD VACCINATIONS: Demonstrators line Capitol Avenue in Hartford on March 16 to protest legislation that eliminated the religious exemption for mandatory school vaccinations in Connecticut. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

POLITICAL CHASM

Divisions over masks, vaccinations and the 2020 election define the year in politics

By Daniela Altimari | Hartford Courant

The 2020 election was one of the most polarizing in U.S. history. "Except for the Civil War, I don't think we've lived through any time as perilous as this in terms of the divisions," historian Barbara Perry, the director of presidential studies at the University of Virginia's Miller Center, told Associated Press. But the sharp distinctions between Democrats and Republicans did not dissolve on Inauguration Day. If anything, political divisions hardened in 2021, with

supporters of Donald Trump continuing to believe a false narrative that disputes the validity of President Joe Biden's win. Connecticut lawmakers from the two parties also clashed over pandemic-related public health measures, the teaching of racial injustice in the classroom and abortion restrictions, among other topics. Below is a look at some of the significant political developments.

TOP 10 STORIES OF 2021

Simsbury politician: 'I didn't even know it was a war room'

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The hotel suite at the center of a Congressional investigation into who planned the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol was filled with some of President Donald Trump's most passionate supporters who believed the election had been stolen. The legal and political strategists gathered on Jan. 6, 2021,

included former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, conservative strategist John C. Eastman and former presidential adviser Stephen K. Bannon, as they scrambled to keep Trump in office and block Joe Biden from becoming president. Near the center of it all in the Trump "war room" was Robert F. Hyde, a Simsbury landscaper,

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Simsbury landscaper Robert F. Hyde, a major supporter of President Donald Trump, in the "war room" at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel in Washington. The photo, provided by Hyde, was originally published on his Instagram account. **ROBERT F. HYDE/COURTESY**

Christmas brings anxiety, optimism

Observances curbed around world amid a surge in infections

By Nicole Winfield,
Michael Tarm
and Peter Smith
Associated Press

Christmas arrived around the world Saturday amid a surge in COVID-19 infections that kept many families apart, overwhelmed hospitals and curbed religious observances as the pandemic was poised to stretch into a third year. Yet, there were homilies of hope, as vaccines and other treatments become more available. Pope Francis used his Christmas address to pray for more vaccines to reach the poorest countries. While wealthy countries have inoculated as much as 90% of their adult populations, 8.9% of Africa's people are fully jabbed, making it the world's least-vaccinated continent. Only a few thousand well-wishers turned out for his noontime address and blessing, but that was better than last year, when Italy's Christmas lockdown forced Francis indoors for the annual "Urbi et Orbi" ("To the city and the world") speech. "Grant health to the infirm and inspire all men and women of goodwill to seek the best ways possible to overcome the current health crisis and its effects," Francis said from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica. "Open hearts to ensure that necessary medical care — and vaccines in particular — are provided to those peoples who need them most."

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History lesson for hobbled Huskies

The latest rash of injuries to key players is nothing new for the UConn women's basketball program. There are lessons to be learned from past teams. **SPORTS, PAGE 1**

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the department requires both biological parents to furnish written consent for a COVID-19 vaccination, as is the case for routine immunizations. Tracking down those signatures can sometimes take weeks.

“The Department’s position is we would like all of our children in care to receive the COVID-19 vaccines, but recognize that that needs to be done in partnership with the birth family, in partnership with the foster family,” said Ken Mysogland, the DCF bureau chief of external affairs.

Though policies can vary between providers, parents whose children are not in the care of DCF typically only need to provide one signature to consent to a pediatric COVID-19 vaccine, according to Connecticut Department of Public Health spokesperson Chris Boyle.

For Kristen Cole, waiting for both of those signatures meant that for more than a month, she could not schedule a vaccination appointment for her two young children, who are in her foster care. The kids became eligible for the vaccine in early November, along with all other 5- to 11-year-olds. Cole, who has cared for the children for more than two years, desperately wanted them to be vaccinated. But while one biological parent had signed off on it, the other had not responded to the request for authorization. (Cole requested that the children’s names and identifying information be withheld, to protect their identities.)

As Cole waited, week after week, COVID-19 cases kept climbing in Hartford County, where she lives. Every so often, the children’s school would announce a case of COVID-19 among the staff or students. And each time one of the kids’ classmates got vaccinated, they’d report back: who said it hurt; who felt just fine. Cole’s older college-age children were already vaccinated and



The Discovery Science Center in Bridgeport hosts a free COVID-19 vaccination clinic Dec. 17 in conjunction with Griffin Hospital. According to data released Thursday, 30% of all 5- to 11-year-olds in Connecticut have received at least one vaccine dose. **STAN GODLEWSKI PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**



A youngster gets his first COVID-19 vaccine at a free clinic at the Discovery Science Center in Bridgeport in conjunction with Griffin Hospital. Statewide, 74% of 12- to 15-year-olds and 82% of 16- to 17-year-olds had received at least one dose of the vaccine as of Dec. 16.

boosted. The younger ones were ready for their own shots.

“It’s scary to know that the virus is definitely in the school and is close to them, and yet they don’t have any ability to fight it,” Cole, 50, said recently. “That’s what I’m really hoping for, is for

them to get the ability, with the vaccine, to fight it.”

If a parent or guardian cannot be located after “diligent and reasonable efforts” by DCF workers to contact them — including home visits, letters and emails — DCF can vaccinate the eligible child without parental

consent, according to DCF assistant legal director Charlotte Shea. But if a child’s guardian or one or both biological parents oppose the vaccination, a hearing must be set up in which the objections are voiced and the agency can present its case for vaccinating the child. Currently, it takes between two to four weeks to schedule a hearing; decisions are issued within two weeks but a parent has 45 days to file an appeal.

For Cole, waiting for that last parent to be tracked down — and the prospect of having to wait even longer for a hearing — was nerve-wracking. She worried it could be well into 2022 by the time her children were vaccinated. Leaving their health in limbo, amid a pandemic, weighed heavily on her.

“These kids have gone through so much,” she said. “They have come through so much in terms of the circumstances — even just moving out of the home with their biological parents is a huge

thing to surmount in your life. To then disadvantage them in this way, and leave them vulnerable, it breaks my heart.”

DCF communications director Gary Kleeblatt argues that there is good reason to ensure that biological parents have a say in a child’s vaccination.

“Just because a kid enters foster care doesn’t mean that the parent doesn’t play a vital, continued role,” he said. “At least half the time, when a child enters care, they’re going back home, so we want to maintain the parents’ autonomy and rights and respect their role in relation to the child.”

Still, the agency acknowledges that the consent process can be time-consuming.

“We recognize that there are certain circumstances where the process may seem to be moving slower than what both the foster parent and, quite honestly, the Department, would like to come to a resolution and gain approval for that child to be

vaccinated,” Mysogland said.

Overall, 38% of eligible children in DCF care have received at least one dose of the vaccine, which includes 55.8% of 12- to 17-year-olds and 64.2% of those 18 or older. Yet in comparison to the rest of the state, those rates remain low. Statewide, 74% of 12- to 15-year-olds and 82% of 16- to 17-year-olds, as well as 74% of 18- to 24-year-olds had received at least one dose of the vaccine, as of Dec. 16.

Of the roughly 1,300 children in DCF care who are eligible for the vaccine and remain unvaccinated, about 40% have refused the vaccine, which according to the agency means that “either the parents have refused to consent to their child being vaccinated or the youth has refused to get the vaccine.” Among 539 vaccine refusals, 365 cases were youth refusals, 145 were parental refusals and 29 still have information pending.

Mysogland noted that “we are not seeing young children saying no” to the vaccine, but for youth roughly ages 12 and older, DCF attempts to work with them and their parents “to express our thoughts to them on why we would like them to receive the vaccine.”

A remaining 831 children and youth (37.6% of those eligible) have neither received a first dose nor expressly refused the vaccine. For those children, DCF is “in active discussions with them” about the vaccine, Mysogland said.

Cole’s two young children remain in that category.

But finally, late last week, she received word that the last signature had come through — an “ecstatic” moment after weeks of waiting. She swiftly made a vaccination appointment for them; they will receive their first dose before New Year’s Day.

“All my kids are going to be safe,” she said, tearing up. “That’s my job — to keep them safe.”

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opments that defined a year marked by discord and strife:

Jan. 6 insurrection

A defining moment of 2021 occurred just six days into the new year, when an angry mob of Trump supporters sought to disrupt a joint session of Congress that had convened to count the Electoral College votes and formalize Biden’s victory.

The rioters breached the U.S. Capitol, shattering windows, attacking police officers and storming the Senate chamber just moments after Vice President Mike Pence escaped. Five people died in the attack or shortly afterward.

U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro was inside the House gallery with her Connecticut colleague, Rep. Jim Himes, and recalled the terror of the day.

Members were ordered to grab gas masks from under the seats in the chamber. DeLauro, who has served in the House since 1991, said she did not even know the seats were equipped with gas masks.

When the rioters made their way to the chamber and broke the windows, a plain-clothes security officer pushed furniture against the doors, she said.

“They had their guns drawn, and they said to us, ‘hit the floor,’” DeLauro said, “so we crouched behind the seats of the gallery and were there for a while before we could get out.”

At one point, she heard a loud banging on the ceremonial doors leading to the chamber, and did not know



ABORTION: Supporters turn out for an abortion rights rally in Hartford, part of more than 600 rallies and marches across the country on Oct. 2. **KENNETH R. GOSSELIN/HARTFORD COURANT**

whether it was the insurgents or the police.

A House committee is investigating the assault on the Capitol.

COVID-19 policies

The pandemic, which has claimed the lives of more than 9,000 Connecticut residents, continues to dominate public discourse. Republicans have pushed back on Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont’s COVID-19 rules, from vaccination requirements to school protocols, hoping to win over virus-weary voters in advance of the 2022 election, when

Lamont will be on the ballot seeking a second term.

The latest skirmish involves Lamont’s support of a voluntary electronic COVID-19 vaccination card. Republicans expressed concerns about privacy and said they worry such a system could lead to unvaccinated people being barred from essential businesses.

At times, the rhetoric over masking and other coronavirus policies has taken a harsh tone. In October, state Rep. Anne Dauphinais drew condemnation from political leaders of both parties when she accused Lamont of being like Adolf Hitler for using his emergency powers to issue mask and vaccine mandates.

“King Lamont aka Hitler,” she wrote in a Facebook comment.

Religious exemptions for childhood vaccinations

Another debate over vaccinations played out at the state Capitol this year, one that had nothing to do with COVID-19. House Speaker Matt Ritter and others in the legislature had been trying for years to eliminate the religious exemption for mandatory school vaccinations; this year, he finally succeeded.

Lawmakers held a mara-

thon hearing on the legislation last winter; almost 2,000 people signed up to speak. Under the bill, which was signed into law by Lamont in April, only students who obtain a medical exemption would be permitted to attend public or private school in the state without being vaccinated for measles, tuberculosis and other communicable diseases.

Critical race theory

In Connecticut and across the nation, some activist parents were fired up about efforts to teach schoolchil-

dren about the nation’s legacy of systemic racism.

Rebelling against the establishment and determined to remake the curriculum, Republicans running on anti-critical race theory slates sought to take over school boards in Guilford, Coventry and other towns; in most cases, they were unsuccessful.

On the state level, Sen. Rob Sampson, a Republican from Wolcott, introduced an amendment that sought to bar public schools from teaching “divisive concepts,” such as institutional racism. The effort failed, despite winning the backing of every Republican in the chamber.

Abortion

The debate over legalized abortion intensified in 2021 after Texas passed a law that outlaws most abortions after six weeks. The measure also authorizes private citizens to enforce it by suing providers and anyone involved in facilitating abortions, such as a person who drives a woman to a clinic to get an abortion. Anyone who successfully sues another person would be entitled to at least \$10,000.

Political leaders in Connecticut and around the nation denounced the law, saying it amounts to a full-scale attack on Roe v. Wade.

The Connecticut legislature has codified Roe v. Wade into its state laws, so a national overturning of the landmark case would not make abortion illegal in Connecticut. But advocates worry that it could lead to an erosion of abortion rights in other states.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Supreme Court left the ban in place, but created a legal pathway for abortion providers to challenge the law’s enforcement component.

Hyde

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past and present Republican political candidate for higher office in Connecticut and supporter of the defeated president. Hyde refuses to say who invited him to the Willard Intercontinental Hotel suite that day — or what was happening — but in recent interviews with The Courant he talked at length about the day a rioting mob stormed the U.S. Capitol.

Hyde also said he has not been contacted by the special House committee that is investigating the Jan. 6 riot. The New York Times has reported that what unfolded at the Willard on Jan. 6 is an important focus of the House committee investigating the attack.

Hyde attended the rally on The Ellipse where Trump spoke that day but said he did not go further down Pennsylvania Avenue.

“I was going to go to the Capitol but got a video from the president that he put on his social media that said, ‘Don’t go. Be peaceful. Go home.’” Hyde said. “That’s honest. So I went back to my hotel.”

Hyde posed for a photo in the war room while wearing a “Keep America Great” cap and later posted pictures to his Instagram account. The pictures in the room also show Giuliani and Eastman, a conservative lawyer who wrote key strategy memos on how to reject electors in seven states in an attempt to swing the election to Trump.

Regarding the crowd in the Willard war room, Hyde said, “I was like, ‘Wow, there’s a bunch of patriots in here.’ It was beautiful.”



Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is shown seated in the war room at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel as President Donald Trump’s supporters argued the 2020 presidential election was stolen. **ROBERT HYDE/COURTESY**

While the war room was a center of activity, Hyde said he did not make any phone calls from the room to help in the effort and was essentially an observer. He said he could not recall how long he was in the room or if he saw Bannon.

“I didn’t even know it was a war room,” Hyde said, adding that it only became clear later.

The five-star Willard, only one block from the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue, has been described as the “command center” for Trump’s legal and political operatives who were trying to block the certification of Biden as president. With multiple people involved, the Trump campaign reimbursed \$55,000 to the firm of former New York City police commissioner Bernie Kerik for expenses from Dec. 18 to Jan. 8 at the Willard, according to The Washington Post.

Among other communications, some of the main activity in the command center included calls to Republican legislators in key states

like Georgia and Arizona in the effort to hold legislative sessions and switch votes in the Electoral College to Trump, the Post said.

Hyde is a Trump financial supporter who maintains a gallery of pictures of himself with members of the Trump family and top Republican insiders from around the nation, including Giuliani, former national security adviser Mike Flynn, U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and Trump confidant Roger Stone.

Bannon, Giuliani, Flynn, Kerik, conspiracy theorist Alex Jones and Stone have all been linked to gatherings at the hotel. Stone invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination when he testified before the House Jan. 6 committee.

While a steadfast supporter of Trump, Hyde said there should be consequences for the violent rioters on Jan. 6.

“There were some bad actors that probably deserve

a little bit of jail time,” Hyde said, referring to those who assaulted police officers. “But a majority of them were just patriotic Americans that wanted to follow the crowd and wave the flag. ... Obviously, you saw some breaking barricades and hurting officers. That’s serious, and they should pay a price.”

At the same time, Hyde has concerns about the rally, calling it “a huge FBI setup.” He offered no proof.

The U.S. House Select Committee to Investigate the Jan. 6 Attack on the United States Capitol has been issuing subpoenas and interviewing hundreds of witnesses in an attempt to find out all the details of that day. Trump and conservatives have attacked the nine-member committee as too partisan with only two Republican members — Liz Cheney of Wyoming and Adam Kinzinger of Illinois. The committee and the full House have voted to hold Trump allies Stephen Bannon and Mark Mead-

ows in criminal contempt of Congress for refusing to cooperate fully.

“Mr. Bannon was in the war room at the Willard on Jan. 6,” Cheney declared during a committee hearing.

Bannon was also at the luxury hotel on Jan. 5, and investigators have wanted to ask him about a meeting there related to the planning for Jan. 6.

The committee has issued subpoenas to multiple individuals who were at the Willard on those January days, including Bannon, Flynn, Eastman and Kerik, a close colleague of Giuliani.

Gary Rose, a longtime political science professor at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, said it is “weird” that Hyde would release pictures from inside the war room at a time when investigators are trying to determine exactly what happened in the room.

“Apparently he sees himself as doing nothing wrong,” Rose said in an interview. “Maybe he just has a different perception of what the insurrection was, compared to what actually happened. He apparently is not familiar with the electoral procedures of electing a president in this country, and that’s troubling, too. This is an individual who needs to have some civic education.”

“If he was in the war room, it does lend itself to some serious questions. ... He’s proud of what his role was. He’s giving pictures of himself in the war room on Instagram when there are others who have tried to delete pictures and delete emails. It’s nothing to be proud of. As with some others, they just don’t see what happened as all that problematic, and that’s troubling to me because it was such an assault on our elec-

toral process.”

Hyde was originally thrust into the national political spotlight in 2020 at the time of Trump’s first impeachment that was related to a scandal in Ukraine.

In text messages released by the U.S. House of Representatives, Hyde was linked to allegations of an apparent surveillance operation of Marie Yovanovitch, the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine. The text messages were released of his interactions with Lev Parnas, a close associate of Giuliani, Trump’s personal lawyer. Parnas was convicted on federal campaign finance charges in October.

Hyde has repeatedly denied any involvement in surveillance. “I’m not a spy,” he said.

Although he has never held public office, Hyde has filed paperwork to run as a Republican against U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal in 2022. Hyde has already contributed \$5,000 of his own money to his campaign, but he has only \$128 in cash on hand as of the last filing period, according to public records.

He previously ran briefly for the U.S. House of Representatives against Democratic U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes, but he later dropped out of the race.

“To be boasting of his presence in the war room, that in itself just lends questions about his understanding of American politics and the way we elect a President,” Rose said. “You wouldn’t broadcast it. No. Absolutely not. It’s certainly not going to advance his own political ambitions.”

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Christmas

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In the United States, many churches canceled in-person services, but for those that did have in-person worship, clerics reported smaller but significant attendance.

“Our hopes for a normal Christmas have been tempered by omicron this year,” the Rev. Ken Boller told his parishioners during midnight Mass at the Church of St. Francis Xavier in New York City. “Breakthrough used to be a happy word for us, until it was associated with COVID. And in the midst of it all, we celebrate Christmas.”

St. Patrick’s Church in Hubbard, Ohio, held Mass on Christmas Eve in a nearby high school because of a church fire this year. The Mass drew about 550 people, said Youngstown Bishop David Bonnar, who presided.

In Britain, Queen Elizabeth II noted another year of pain — particularly personal after losing her husband, Prince Philip, in April — and urged people to celebrate with friends and family.

“Although it’s a time of great happiness and good cheer for many, Christmas can be hard for those who have lost loved ones,” the queen said in the prerecorded message broadcast when many British families

were enjoying their traditional Christmas dinner. “This year, especially, I understand why.”

Thousands of people across Britain got a vaccine booster shot for Christmas as new cases hit another daily record of 122,186. The Good Health Pharmacy in north London was one of dozens of sites that stayed open Saturday to administer “jingle jabs” amid a government push to offer booster shots to all adults by the end of the year.

The head of intensive care at a hospital in Marseille, France, said most COVID-19 patients over Christmas were unvaccinated, while his staff are exhausted or

can’t work because they are infected.

“We’re sick of this,” said Dr. Julien Carvelli, the ICU chief at La Timone Hospital, as his team spent another Christmas Eve tending to COVID-19 patients on breathing machines. “We’re afraid we won’t have enough space.”

On the other side of the globe, hundreds of thousands of people in the Philippines, Asia’s largest Roman Catholic nation, spent Christmas without homes, electricity, or adequate food and water after a powerful typhoon left at least 375 people dead last week and devastated mostly central island provinces.

Gov. Arthur Yap of hard-hit Bohol province, where more than 100 people died in the typhoon and about 150,000 houses were damaged or destroyed, appealed for help: “Please don’t forget us.”

At least one American Christmas tradition was revived after the pandemic drove it online last year: the annual reenactment of George Washington’s crossing of the Delaware River in 1776. Reenactors in three boats completed the crossing in about an hour Saturday. Crowds were in the hundreds, down from the usual thousands.

COVID-19 testing continued unimpeded in some

places, while other sites closed for the day.

Lines that in previous days wrapped around the block at a testing center in Chicago’s Lincoln Square neighborhood shrank considerably Saturday, when the only customers inside were Shayna Prihoda and Michael Boundy, whose negative tests freed them to visit Boundy’s parents in Michigan.

“We would have stayed home and quarantined,” Boundy said.

Swelling numbers of cases in Florida made tests almost as popular as Christmas ham. Florida hit a new case record for the second day in a row.

Space telescope lifts off flawlessly

Long-awaited launch begins nail-biting quest for first stars

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

The world's largest and most powerful space telescope rocketed away Saturday on a high-stakes quest to behold light from the first stars and galaxies and scour the universe for hints of life. NASA's James Webb Space Telescope soared from French Guiana on South America's northeastern coast, riding a European Ariane rocket into the sky. "What an amazing Christmas present," said Thomas Zurbuchen, NASA's science mission chief.

The \$10 billion observatory hurtled toward its destination 1 million miles away, or more than four times beyond the moon. It will take a month to get there and another five months before its infrared eyes are ready to start scanning the cosmos.

First, the telescope's enormous mirror and sunshield need to unfurl; they were folded origami-style to fit into the rocket's nose cone. Otherwise, the observatory won't be able to peer back in time 13.7 billion years as anticipated, within a mere 100 million years of the universe-forming Big Bang. NASA Administrator Bill Nelson called Webb a time machine that will provide "a better understanding of our universe and our place in it: who we are, what we are, the search that's eternal." "We are going to discover incredible things that we never imagined," Nelson said following liftoff, speaking from Florida's Kennedy Space Center. But he



A rocket carrying NASA's James Webb Space Telescope lifts off Saturday from French Guiana. JODY AMIET/GETTY-AFP

cautioned: "There are still innumerable things that have to work and they have to work perfectly ... we know that in great reward there is great risk." Intended as a successor to the aging Hubble Space Telescope, the long-delayed James Webb is named after NASA's administrator during the 1960s. NASA partnered with the European and Canadian space agencies to build and launch the new 7-ton telescope, with thousands of people from 29 countries working on it since the 1990s. With the launch falling on Christmas and a global surge in COVID-19 cases, there were fewer spectators

at the French Guiana launch site than expected. Nelson bowed out along with a congressional delegation and many contractors who worked on the telescope. Around the world, astronomers and countless others tuned in, anxious to see Webb finally taking flight after years of setbacks. Last-minute technical snags bumped the launch nearly a week, then gusty winds pushed it to Christmas. A few of the launch controllers wore Santa caps in celebration. "We have delivered a Christmas gift today for humanity," said European Space Agency director general Josef Aschbacher.

He described it as a special moment, but added: "It's very nerve-racking. I couldn't do launches every single day. This would not be good for my life expectancy." Cheers and applause erupted in and outside Launch Control following Webb's flawless launch, with jubilant scientists embracing one another amid shouts of "Go Webb!" and signs that read: "Bon Voyage Webb." Cameras on the rocket's upper stage provided one last glimpse of the shimmering telescope against a backdrop of Earth, before it sped away. The telescope's showpiece: a gold-plated mirror more than 21 feet across.

Protecting the observatory is a wispy, five-layered sunshield, vital for keeping the light-gathering mirror and heat-sensing infrared detectors at subzero temperatures. At 70 feet by 46 feet, it's the size of a tennis court. If all goes well, the sunshield will be opened three days after liftoff, taking at least five days to unfold and lock into place. Next, the mirror segments should open up like the leaves of a drop-leaf table, 12 days or so into the flight. In all, hundreds of release mechanisms need to work — perfectly — for the telescope to succeed. Such a complex series of actions is unprece-

ented. "Now it's our job to start from here and keep going," said Massimo Stiavelli, an astronomer who heads the Webb mission office at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. The institute serves as the control hub for Hubble and, now, Webb. The Hubble Space Telescope will be a tough act to follow, according to Stiavelli and retired astronaut-astronomer Steven Hawley, even though Webb is 100 times more powerful. Hawley, in fact, is more stressed over Webb than he was for Hubble, which he released into orbit from space shuttle Discovery in 1990. That's because Webb will be too far away for rescuing, as was necessary when Hubble turned out to have blurry vision from a defective mirror. Spacewalking repairs by astronauts transformed Hubble into a beloved marvel that has revolutionized humanity's understanding of the universe, casting its eyes as far back as 13.4 billion years. It's now up to Webb to draw even closer to the Big Bang 13.8 billion years ago, its infrared vision keener and more far-reaching than Hubble's is in the shorter visible and ultraviolet wavelengths. NASA is shooting for 10 years of operational life from Webb. "Hubble is like the perfect story. It starts badly, then the cavalry fixes it, then it's a major success. It's almost a Christmas movie in a way," Stiavelli said following Webb's liftoff. "It's a high bar, but hopefully the science contributions of Webb will be up there."

Speculation endures over Gorbachev's resignation

Historians debate end of USSR that came 30 years ago

By Vladimir Isachenkov
Associated Press

MOSCOW — People strolling across Moscow's snowy Red Square on the evening of Dec. 25, 1991, were surprised to witness one of the 20th century's most pivotal moments — the Soviet red flag over the Kremlin pulled down and replaced with the Russian Federation's tricolor. Just minutes earlier, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev announced his resignation in a live televised address to the nation, concluding 74 years of Soviet history. In his memoirs, Gorbachev, now 90, bitterly lamented his failure to prevent the USSR's demise, an event that upset the world's balance of power and sowed the seeds of an ongoing tug-of-war between Russia and neighboring Ukraine. "I still regret that I failed to bring the ship under my command to calm waters, failed to complete reforming the country," Gorbachev wrote. Political experts argue to

this day whether he could have held onto his position and saved the USSR. Some charge that Gorbachev, who came to power in 1985, could have prevented the Soviet breakup if he had moved more resolutely to modernize the anemic state-controlled economy while keeping tighter controls on the political system. "The collapse of the Soviet Union was one of those occasions in history that are believed to be unthinkable until they become inevitable," said Dmitri Trenin, the director of the Moscow Carnegie Center. "The Soviet Union, whatever its long-term chances were, was not destined to go down when it did." By the fall of 1991, however, deepening economic woes and secessionist bids by Soviet republics had made the collapse all but certain. A failed August 1991 coup by the Communist old guard provided a major catalyst, dramatically eroding Gorbachev's authority and encouraging more Soviet republics to seek independence. While Gorbachev desperately tried to negotiate a new "union treaty" between the republics to preserve the USSR, he faced stiff resistance from his archrival,

Russian Federation leader Boris Yeltsin, who was eager to take over the Kremlin and had backing from other independent-minded heads of Soviet republics. On Dec. 8, the leaders of Russia, Ukraine and Belarus met in a hunting lodge, declaring the USSR dead and announcing the creation of the Commonwealth of Independent States. Two weeks later, eight other Soviet republics joined the newly formed alliance, handing Gorbachev a stark choice: step down or try to avert the country's breakup by force. The Soviet leader analyzed the tough dilemma in his memoirs, noting that an attempt to order the arrest of the republics' leaders could have resulted in a bloodbath amid split loyalties in the military and law enforcement agencies. "If I had decided to rely on some part of the armed structures, it would have inevitably triggered an acute political conflict fraught with blood and far-reaching negative consequences," Gorbachev wrote. "I couldn't do that: I would have stopped being myself." What would have happened had Gorbachev resorted to force is hard to imagine in retrospect, the



Mikhail Gorbachev raises a glass at a farewell party on Dec. 26, 1991, the day after he resigned under pressure from independence-minded republics. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/AP

Carnegie Center's Trenin observed. "It might have unleashed bloody events in Moscow and across Russia, maybe across the Soviet Union, or it might have consolidated some things," he said. "Had he decided to go down that route ... there would have been blood on his hands. He would have had to turn into a sort of a dictator, because that would have ... done away with his most important element of legacy; that is, not using force in a massive way."

When the leaders of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine declared the Soviet Union defunct, they didn't pay much attention to what would happen to the 4-million-strong Soviet military and its massive nuclear arsenals. After the Soviet collapse, it took years of U.S.-led diplomatic efforts to persuade Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan to hand over to Russia the Soviet nuclear weapons left on their territories — a process completed in 1996.

"The leaders of the republics that announced the end of the Soviet Union in December 1991 did not think through all the consequences of what they were doing," Gorbachev's aide, Pavel Palazhchenko said. Russian President Vladimir Putin, whose two decades at the helm have been longer than Gorbachev and Yeltsin's tenures combined, has famously described the Soviet collapse as "the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the 20th century."



President Biden and first lady Jill Biden chat with military service members on Saturday from Washington. CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Bidens call service members to mark Christmas

By Alexandra Jaffe
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden marked his first Christmas in office by making calls to military service members stationed around the world, offering them holiday wishes and gratitude for their service. Joined by his wife, Jill Biden, and their new puppy, Commander, the president on Saturday spoke via video to service members representing the Army, Marine

Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard, stationed at bases in Qatar, Romania, Bahrain and the U.S. "I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you, thank you, thank you," he told them. "We're grateful for your courage, your sacrifice, not only your sacrifice but your family's sacrifice." Jill Biden expressed empathy for the difficulties their families experience spending the holidays away

from their loved ones. The Bidens planned a relatively quiet Christmas at the White House with family. As the coronavirus pandemic surges anew, driven by the highly infectious omicron variant, the Bidens sought with their public appearances and statements to offer a sense of unity and normalcy in an otherwise challenging season for many. In a Christmas statement, the Bidens praised the

"enormous courage, character, resilience, and resolve" of the American people in the face of the pandemic, and offered prayers that the nation would find "light in the darkness" during a difficult season. "During this season of joy, we are inspired by the countless Americans who are a reminder that the things we hold sacred unite us and transcend distance, time, and even the constraints of a pandemic," the Bidens said in their statement.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Flight cancellations drag on as airlines remain short-staffed

From news services

NEW YORK — Airlines continued to cancel hundreds of flights Saturday as staffing issues tied to COVID-19 disrupted holiday celebrations during one of the busiest travel times of the year.

FlightAware, a flight-tracking website, noted almost 1,000 flights entering, leaving or inside the U.S. canceled Saturday, up from 690 Friday. Over 250 more flights were already canceled for Sunday. FlightAware does not say why flights are canceled.

Delta, United and JetBlue on Friday had all said the omicron variant was causing staffing problems leading to flight cancellations. United spokesperson Maddie King said staffing shortages were still causing cancellations and it was unclear when normal operations would return.

Delta and JetBlue did not immediately respond to questions Saturday.

According to FlightAware, the three airlines canceled more than 10% of their Saturday scheduled flights. American Airlines also canceled 90 flights Saturday, about 3% of its schedule, according to FlightAware. American spokesperson Derek Walls said the cancellations stemmed from "COVID-related sick calls" and the airline contacted customers on Friday.

European and Australian airlines have also canceled holiday-season flights due to staffing problems tied to COVID-19.

FlightAware, which does not give a reason for why flights are canceled, said airlines scrapped nearly 6,000 flights globally on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

as of Saturday afternoon, with almost one-third of affected flights to, from or within the United States.

Chinese airlines had many of the canceled flights, and Chinese airports topped FlightAware's lists of those with most cancellations. China has strict pandemic control measures including frequent lockdowns.

Air China, China Eastern and Lion Air, an Indonesian airline with many canceled flights, did not respond to emails Saturday.

Spanish volcano: Authorities on one of Spain's Canary Islands declared a volcanic eruption that started in September officially finished Saturday following 10 days of no lava flows, seismic activity or significant sulfur dioxide emissions.

But the emergency in La Palma, the most north-west island in the Atlantic Ocean archipelago, is not over due to the widespread damage the eruption caused, the director of the Canaries' volcanic emergency committee said in announcing the milestone.

"It's not joy or satisfaction. ... It's an emotional relief. And hope," Pevolca director Julio Pérez said. "Because now, we can apply ourselves and focus completely on the reconstruction work."

Fiery molten rock flowing down toward the sea destroyed around 3,000 buildings, entombed banana plantations and vineyards, ruined irrigation systems and cut off roads. But no injuries or deaths were directly linked to the eruption.

Pérez, who is also the region's minister of public administration, justice and security, said the archipelago's government valued the loss of buildings and infra-



Christian worshippers pose for a selfie Saturday at the Church of the Nativity during Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. ABBAS MOMANI/GETTY-AFP

structure at over \$1 billion.

Windsor Castle intruder: British police arrested a man armed with a weapon on the grounds of Windsor Castle on Saturday.

Thames Valley police said the security breach took place at 8:30 a.m. The 19-year-old from Southampton is in custody.

"The man has been arrested on suspicion of breach or trespass of a protected site and possession of an offensive weapon," Thames Valley Police Superintendent Rebecca Mears said.

Members of the royal family were informed.

Congo bombing: A suicide bomber attacked a restaurant and bar Saturday as patrons gathered on Christmas, killing at least six others in an eastern Congolese town where Islamic extremists are known to be active.

Heavy gunfire rang out shortly after the bomb went off, with panicked crowds

fleeing the town's center.

Saturday's attack marked the first known time that a suicide bomber has killed victims in eastern Congo, where an Islamic State group affiliate earlier this year took responsibility for a suicide bombing near another bar in Beni that had caused no other casualties.

Among the dead were two children, according to Mayor Narcisse Muteba, who is also a police colonel. At least 13 other people were wounded.

Navy ship stranded: A Navy combat ship deployed to intercept drug trafficking in the Caribbean and East Pacific is stuck in the port at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, with a coronavirus outbreak among its fully vaccinated crew.

Only some of those infected onboard the ship, the USS Milwaukee, were experiencing mild symptoms, said Cmdr. Kate Meadows, a Navy spokesperson.

It was not clear how

many infections involved the omicron variant, which continues to gain dominance rapidly around the world.

The Milwaukee had more than 100 sailors plus a helicopter combat crew and Coast Guard law enforcement unit on board when it left its home port in Jacksonville, Florida, on Dec. 14 as part the U.S. Southern Command's efforts to fight drug trafficking. The ship made a refueling and resupply stop at Guantánamo Bay on Monday and extended its stay there because of the outbreak.

Meadows added that the sailors had been confined to the pier and had not entered the base since arriving.

Project Veritas: A New York judge has upheld an order preventing The New York Times from publishing documents between conservative group Project Veritas and its lawyer and ruled that the newspaper must immediately relinquish confidential legal memos it obtained.

The decision Thursday by State Supreme Court Justice Charles Wood in Westchester County, released Friday, comes in a defamation lawsuit Project Veritas filed against the Times in 2020.

Months after the lawsuit was filed, the newspaper reported that the U.S. Justice Department was investigating Project Veritas in connection with the theft of a diary belonging to Ashley Biden, the president's daughter.

In that story, the Times quoted the memos, leading Project Veritas to accuse the newspaper of violating attorney-client privilege.

Wood upheld his earlier order preventing The Times from further publishing the memos, and also ruled that the newspaper must turn over physical copies of the documents and destroy electronic versions.

The newspaper reported it would appeal the ruling and seek a stay in the meantime. Publisher A.G. Sulzberger decried the ruling as an attack on press freedoms.

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WORLD & NATION

Saving languages that tech ignores

Computers don't recognize several African tongues

By Matt O'Brien and Chinedu Asadu
Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — Computers have become amazingly precise at translating spoken words to text messages and scouring huge troves of information for answers to complex questions. At least, that is, so long as you speak English or another of the world's dominant languages.

But try talking to your phone in Yoruba, Igbo or any number of widely spoken African languages, and you'll find glitches that can hinder access to information, trade, personal communications, customer service and other benefits of the global tech economy.

"We are getting to the point where if a machine doesn't understand your language, it will be like it never existed," said Vukosi Marivate, chief of data science at the University of Pretoria in South Africa, in a call to action before a December virtual gathering of the world's artificial intelligence researchers.

American tech giants don't have a great track record of making their language technology work well outside the wealthiest markets, a problem that's made it harder for them to detect dangerous misinformation on their platforms.

Marivate is part of a coalition of African researchers who have been trying to change that. Among their projects is one that found machine translation tools failed to properly translate online COVID-19 surveys from English into several African languages.

"Most people want to be able to interact with the rest of the information highway in their local language," Marivate said in an interview.



Writer and linguist Kola Tubosun is shown at his house in Lagos, Nigeria. Tubosun has created a multimedia dictionary for the Yoruba language and also created a text-to-speech machine for the language. **SUNDAY ALAMBA/AP**

He's a founding member of Masakhane, a pan-African research project to improve how dozens of languages are represented in the branch of AI known as natural language processing. It's the biggest of a number of grassroots language technology projects that have popped up from the Andes to Sri Lanka.

Tech giants offer their products in numerous languages, but they don't always pay attention to the nuances necessary for those apps to work in the real world. Part of the problem is that there's just not enough online data in those languages — including scientific and medical terms — for the AI systems to effectively learn how to get better at understanding them.

Google, for instance, offended members of the Yoruba community several years ago when its language app mistranslated Esu, a benevolent trickster god,

as the devil. Facebook's language misunderstandings have been tied to political strife around the world and its inability to tamp down harmful misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines. More mundane translation glitches have been turned into joking online memes.

Omolewa Adedipe has grown frustrated trying to share her thoughts on Twitter in the Yoruba language because her automatically translated tweets usually end up with different meanings.

One time, the 25-year-old content designer tweeted, "T'Ilú o ba dun, T'Ilú o ba t'oro. Èyín l'emo bí e se se," which means, "If the land (or country, in this context) is not peaceful, or merry, you're responsible for it." Twitter, however, managed to end up with the translation: "If you are not happy, if you are not happy?"

"Some of the bias is delib-

erate given our history," said Marivate, who has devoted some of his AI research to the southern African languages of Xitsonga and Setswana spoken by his family members, as well as to the common conversational practice of "code-switching" between languages.

"The history of the African continent and in general in colonized countries, is that when language had to be translated, it was translated in a very narrow way," he said. "You were not allowed to write a general text in any language because the colonizing country might be worried that people communicate and write books about insurrections or revolutions. But they would allow religious texts."

Google and Microsoft are among the companies that say they are trying to improve technology for so-called "low-resource" languages that AI systems

don't have enough data for. Computer scientists at Meta, the company formerly known as Facebook, announced in November a breakthrough on the path to a "universal translator" that could translate multiple languages at once and work better with lower-resourced languages such as Icelandic or Hausa.

That's an important step, but at the moment, only large tech companies and big AI labs in developed countries can build these models, said David Ifeoluwa Adelani. He's a researcher at Saarland University in Germany and another member of Masakhane, which has a mission to strengthen and spur African-led research to address technology "that does not understand our names, our cultures, our places, our history."

Improving the systems requires not just more data but careful human review from native speakers who

are underrepresented in the global tech workforce.

Writer and linguist Kola Tubosun created a multimedia dictionary for the Yoruba language and also created a text-to-speech machine for the language. He is now working on similar speech recognition technologies for Nigeria's two other major languages, Hausa and Igbo, to help people who want to write short sentences and passages.

"We are funding ourselves," he said. "The aim is to show these things can be profitable."

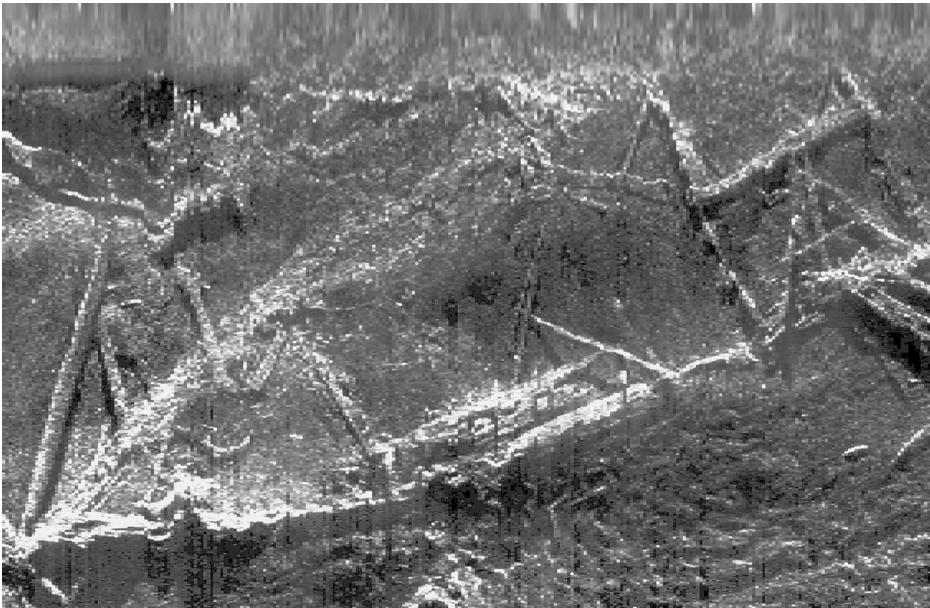
Tubosun led the team that created Google's "Nigerian English" voice and accent used in tools like maps. But he said it remains difficult to raise the money needed to build technology that might allow a farmer to use a voice-based tool to follow market or weather trends.

In Rwanda, software engineer Remy Muhire is helping to build a new open-source speech dataset for the Kinyarwanda language that involves a lot of volunteers recording themselves reading Kinyarwanda newspaper articles and other texts.

"They are native speakers. They understand the language," said Muhire, a fellow at Mozilla, maker of the Firefox internet browser.

Increasingly, people are banding together to develop their own language approaches instead of waiting for institutions to solve problems, said Damian Blasi, who researches linguistic diversity at the Harvard Data Science Initiative.

Blasi co-authored a recent study that analyzed the uneven development of language technology across the world's more than 6,000 languages. It found that while Dutch and Swahili both have tens of millions of speakers, there are hundreds of scientific reports on natural language processing in the Western European language and only about 20 in the East African one.



A sonar image created by SEARCH Inc. shows the remains of the Clotilda, the last known U.S. ship that was involved in the trans-Atlantic slave trade. **ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Wreck of last US slave ship mostly intact on Gulf Coast

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Researchers studying the wreckage of the last U.S. slave ship, buried in mud on the Alabama coast since it was scuttled in 1860, have made the surprising discovery that most of the wooden schooner remains intact, including the pen that was used to imprison African captives during the brutal journey across the Atlantic Ocean.

While the upper portion of the two-masted Clotilda is gone, the section below deck where the captured Africans and stockpiles were held is still largely in one piece after being buried for decades in a section of river that hasn't been dredged, said maritime archaeologist James Delgado of Florida-based SEARCH Inc.

At least two-thirds of the ship remains, and the existence of the unlit and unventilated slave pen, built during the voyage by the addition of a bulkhead where people were held as cargo below the main deck for weeks, raises questions about whether food and

water containers, chains and even human DNA could remain in the hull, said Delgado.

"It's a stunning revelation," he said.

The discovery enhances the research value of the Clotilda's remains and sets them apart from all other wrecks, Delgado said. The finding was confirmed in a report provided to Associated Press and led to the site becoming part of the National Register of Historic Places this year.

"It's the most intact (slave ship) wreck ever discovered," he said. "It's because it's sitting in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta with fresh water and in mud that protected it that it's still there."

For Joycelyn Davis, a sixth-generation granddaughter of African captive Charlie Lewis and vice president of the Clotilda Descendants Association, the story of what happened more than 160 years ago is best told through the people who were involved, not a sunken ship. But she said she's excited to learn more about what has been discovered, adding: "I think it's going to be a surprise for

us all."

The Clotilda was the last ship known to transport African captives to the American South for enslavement. Nearly 90 feet in length, it departed Mobile, Alabama, for an illegal trip to purchase people decades after Congress outlawed such trade in 1808.

The ship had been sent across the ocean on a voyage financed by a wealthy businessman whose descendants remain prominent in Mobile. The Clotilda's captain transferred its human cargo off the ship once it arrived in Alabama and set fire to the vessel to hide evidence of the journey. But most of the ship didn't catch fire and remained in the river.

Shown on navigational charts since the 1950s, the wreckage was publicly identified as that of Clotilda in 2019 and has been explored and researched since then, Delgado said.

The state has set aside \$1 million for preservation and research, and additional work planned at the site in early 2022 could show what's inside the hull, Delgado said.

Women, kids among dozens slain in Myanmar, reports say

By Tasanee Vejpongsa
Associated Press

BANGKOK — Myanmar government troops rounded up villagers, some believed to be women and children, fatally shot more than 30 and set the bodies on fire, a witness and other reports said Saturday.

The purported photos of the aftermath of the Friday massacre in eastern Mo So village, outside Hpruso township in Kayah state where refugees were sheltering from an army offensive, spread on social media in Myanmar, fueling outrage against the military that took power in February.

The accounts could not be independently verified. The photos showed the charred bodies of over 30 people in three burned-out vehicles.

A villager who said he went to the scene told Associated Press that the victims had fled the fighting between armed resistance groups and Myanmar's army near Koi Ngan village, which is just beside Mo So, on Friday. He said they were killed after they were arrested by troops while heading to refugee camps in the western part of the township.

The government has not commented on the allegations, but a report in the state-run Myanma Alinn daily newspaper on Saturday said that the fighting near Mo So broke out on Friday when members of ethnic guerrilla forces, known as the Karenni National Progressive Party, and those opposed to the military drove in "suspicious" vehicles and attacked security forces after refusing to stop.

The newspaper report said they included new members who were going to attend training to fight the army, and that the seven vehicles they were traveling in were destroyed in a fire. It gave no further details



In a photo from the Karenni Nationalities Defense Force, smoke and flames billow from vehicles Friday in Myanmar's Kayah state near the border with Thailand. **KNDF**

about the killings.

The witness who spoke to the AP said the remains were burned beyond recognition, and children's and women's clothes were found together with medical supplies and food.

"The bodies were tied with ropes before being set on fire," said the witness, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared for his safety.

He did not see the moment they were killed, but said he believed some of them were Mo So villagers who reportedly got arrested by troops on Friday. He denied that those captured were members of locally organized militia groups.

Myanmar's independent media reported on Friday that 10 Mo So villagers including children were arrested by the army and four members of the local paramilitary Border Guard Forces who went to negotiate for their release were reportedly tied up and shot in the head by the military.

The witness said the villagers and anti-government militia groups left the bodies as military troops arrived near Mo So while the bodies were being prepared for cremation. The fighting was still intense near the village.

"It's a heinous crime and

the worst incident during Christmas. We strongly condemn that massacre as a crime against humanity," said Banyar Khun Aung, director of the Karenni Human Rights Group.

Earlier this month, government troops were also accused of rounding up villagers, some believed to be children, tying them up and killing them. An opposition leader, Dr. Sasa, who uses only one name, said the civilians were burned alive.

A video of the aftermath of the Dec. 7 assault — apparently retaliation for an attack on a military convoy — showed the charred bodies of 11 people lying in a circle.

Fighting meanwhile resumed Saturday in a neighboring state on the border with Thailand, where thousands of people have fled to seek shelter. Local officials said Myanmar's military unleashed airstrikes and heavy artillery on Lay Kay Kaw, a town controlled by ethnic Karen guerrillas, since Friday.

The military's action prompted multiple Western governments, including the U.S. Embassy, to issue a joint statement condemning "serious human rights violations committed by the military regime across the country."



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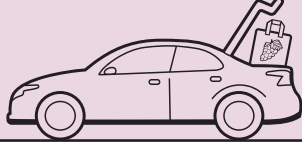
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National Guard steps in to provide help in public health crisis

NEW HOPE, Minn. — Pfc. Shina Vang and his fellow soldiers in the Minnesota National Guard have had an exceptionally busy year. They helped process Afghan refugees fleeing Kabul for the United States, provided security at U.S. military bases across the Horn of Africa and stood sentinel in Washington, D.C., following the Jan. 6 attacks on the U.S. Capitol.

Closer to home, they have been deployed across Minnesota during the civil unrest prompted by the police killings of George Floyd and Daunte Wright.

But none of those experiences prepared Vang and his fellow Guard members for their latest deployment: collecting bedpans, clipping toenails and feeding residents at North Ridge Health and Rehab, a sprawling nursing home in suburban Minneapolis that is the largest in the state.

"I've had protesters throw apples and water bottles at me, but that doesn't compare to the challenge of giving someone a bed bath," Vang said.

Over the past two weeks, 30 Guard members have been working as certified nursing assistants at North Ridge, which has been hobbled by an exodus of employees that administrators have been forced to mothball entire wings, limiting new admissions.

As a result, hospitals cannot send patients to long-term care centers such as North Ridge, creating a backup that is eroding Minnesota's capacity to treat people with COVID-19 and other medical emergencies. Similar backlogs — hospital patients well enough to be discharged but too fragile



to go home — are choking health systems across the country.

"For many providers across the country, it's a collapse," said Katie Smith Sloan, president of LeadingAge, an association of nonprofit long-term care facilities.

Last week, President Joe Biden announced that 1,000 military medical professionals would be dispatched to hospitals across the country to help overwhelmed doctors and nurses.

Public health experts fear the worst is yet to come as the highly transmissible omicron variant spreads to communities where health care workers are already straining to handle the surge of patients sickened by delta. Maine, New Hampshire, Indiana and New York have deployed the National

Guard to overburdened hospitals and nursing homes in recent weeks, but Minnesota's initiative may be the most ambitious, with 400 guard members who have no previous nursing experience going through rapid-fire training before being sent to long-term care facilities across the state.

North Ridge has been hit especially hard by the pandemic, with more than 592 cases and 52 COVID-19 deaths among its residents since March 2020, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The vast majority of those cases — 472 — were among patients already sickened by COVID-19 when they arrived. Over the past four years, North Ridge has been fined more than \$180,000 by federal inspectors and cited for a number of health

and safety violations. It has received two out of five stars for overall care from CMS, a “below average” rating.

Austin Blilie, vice president of operations, said that the rating was based on surveys from 2018 and that North Ridge had greatly improved since then. He noted that the most recent rating this year gave the facility five stars for staffing quality. The 8.5% mortality rate for COVID-19 patients at North Ridge, he added, was less than half the state average for patients in congregate care settings.

"Every time I look at the numbers of those who we lost, I am struck anew by the fact that every one represents an individual person, with a life and a history and connections to other people," he said. "Please know that we never

lose sight of that here.”

North Ridge has 320 beds, but 100 of those are empty at the moment because of staff shortages. The employees who remain have been running ragged as they work overtime, and on some days, administrators, dietitians and physical therapists are forced to help with making beds and filling water pitchers. "We do what we can because the show must go on," said Liz Ellenz, 37, director of dining, who often works weekends and stays until 9 p.m. washing dishes.

Fatimate Massquoi, a nursing manager at North Ridge, said meager pay coupled with the physical demands of the job, the anxieties of treating COVID-19 patients and the unending loss inevitably take a toll. "People don't know what it's like to hold the hand

of someone dying alone because their family isn't allowed to be here," she said. "Sometimes after a patient dies, I have to go into the bathroom to cry."

With omicron racing across the country, staff and administrators worry about the weeks ahead. Only 60% of residents have received booster shots, slightly higher than the national average, and a federal appeals court ruling means North Ridge may have to fire the 10% of employees who remain unvaccinated.

But on Dec. 16, Massquoi and her colleagues learned the National Guard would be staying an extra week, including 18 soldiers who had volunteered to work over the Christmas holiday. Having extra hands allows exhausted workers to take a few days off.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Influential figures lost in 2021

By Bernard McGhee
Associated Press

Here is an edited roll call of celebrated and influential figures who died in 2021:

January

George Whitmore, 89: A member of the first team of climbers to scale El Capitan in Yosemite National Park and a conservationist who devoted his life to protecting the Sierra Nevada. Jan. 1.

Gerry Marsden, 78: The lead singer of the 1960s British group Gerry and the Pacemakers that had such hits as “Ferry Cross the Mersey” and the song that became the anthem of Liverpool Football Club, “You’ll Never Walk Alone.” Jan. 3.

Tommy Lasorda, 93: The fiery baseball Hall of Fame manager who guided the Los Angeles Dodgers to two World Series titles and later became an ambassador for the sport he loved. Jan. 7.

Sheldon Adelson, 87: He rose from a modest start as the son of an immigrant taxi driver to become a billionaire Republican powerbroker with a casino empire and influence on international politics. Jan. 11.

Phil Spector, 81: The eccentric and revolutionary music producer who transformed rock music with his “Wall of Sound” method and who later was convicted of murder. Jan. 16.

Hank Aaron, 86: He endured racist threats with stoic dignity during his pursuit of Babe Ruth’s home run record and gracefully left his mark as one of baseball’s greatest all-around players. Jan. 22.

Larry King, 87: The suspenders-sporting everyman whose broadcast interviews with world leaders, movie stars and ordinary people helped define American conversation for a half-century. Jan. 23.

Cicely Tyson, 96: The pioneering Black actor who gained an Oscar nomination for her role as the sharecropper’s wife in “Sounder,” won a Tony Award in 2013 at age 88 and touched TV viewers’ hearts in “The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman.” Jan. 28.

February

Rennie Davis, 80: He was one of the “Chicago Seven” activists who was tried for organizing an anti-Vietnam War protest outside the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago in which thousands clashed with police. Feb. 2.

Christopher Plummer, 91: The dashing award-winning actor who played Captain von Trapp in the film “The Sound of Music” and at 82 became the oldest Academy Award acting winner in history. Feb. 5.

Leon Spinks, 67: He won Olympic gold and then shocked the boxing world by beating Muhammad Ali to win the heavyweight title in only his eighth pro fight. Feb. 5.

George P. Shultz, 100: The former secretary of state was a titan of American academia, business and diplomacy who spent most of the 1980s trying to improve Cold War relations with the Soviet Union and forging a course for peace in the Middle East. Feb. 6.

Mary Wilson, 76: The longest-reigning original Supreme. Feb. 8.

Chick Corea, 79: He was a towering jazz pianist with a staggering 23 Grammy Awards who pushed the boundaries of the genre and worked alongside Miles Davis and Herbie Hancock. Feb. 9.

Larry Flynt, 78: He turned his raunchy Hustler magazine into an empire while fighting numerous First Amendment court battles. Feb. 10.

Bernard Lown, 99: A Massachusetts cardiologist who invented the first reliable heart defibrillator and later co-founded an anti-nuclear war group that was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize. Feb. 16.

Rush Limbaugh, 70: The talk radio host who ripped into liberals and laid waste to political correctness with



Colin Powell

a merry brand of malice that made him one of the most powerful voices on the American right. Feb. 17.

Arturo Di Modica, 80: The artist who sculpted Charging Bull, the bronze statue in New York which became an iconic symbol of Wall Street. Feb. 19.

March

Lou Ottens, 94: The Dutch inventor of the cassette tape. March 6.

Norton Juster, 91: The celebrated children’s author who fashioned a world of adventure and punning punditry in the million-selling classic “The Phantom Tollbooth.” March 8.

Elgin Baylor, 86: The Lakers’ 11-time NBA All-Star who soared through the 1960s with a high-scoring style of basketball that became the model for the modern player. March 22.

Beverly Cleary, 104: The celebrated children’s author whose memories of her Oregon childhood were shared with millions through the likes of Ramona and Beezus Quimby and Henry Huggins. March 25.

Larry McMurtry, 84: The prolific and popular author who took readers back to the old American West in his Pulitzer Prize-winning “Lonesome Dove” and returned them to modern-day landscapes in works such as his emotional “Terms of Endearment.” March 25.

G. Gordon Liddy, 90: A mastermind of the Watergate burglary and a radio talk show host after emerging from prison. March 30.

April

John Naisbitt, 92: The author whose 1982 bestselling book “Megatrends” was published in dozens of countries. April 8.

Prince Philip, 99: The irascible and tough-minded husband of Queen Elizabeth II who spent more than seven decades supporting his wife in a role that both defined and constricted his life. April 9.

DMX, 50: The iconic hip-hop artist behind the songs “Ruff Ryders’ Anthem” and “Party Up (Up in Here)” whose distinctively gruff voice and thoughtful messages in his rhymes made him one of rap’s biggest stars. April 9.

Walter F. Mondale, 93: The former U.S. vice president was a liberal icon who lost one of the most lopsided presidential elections after bluntly telling voters to expect a tax increase if he won. April 19.

Michael Collins, 90: An Apollo 11 astronaut who orbited the moon alone while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin made their

historic first steps on the lunar surface. April 28.

May

Olympia Dukakis, 89: The veteran stage and screen actor whose flair for maternal roles helped her win an Oscar as Cher’s mother in the romantic comedy “Moonstruck.” May 1.

Bobby Unser, 87: A beloved three-time winner of the Indianapolis 500 and part of the only pair of brothers to capture “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.” May 2.

Lee Evans, 74: The record-setting sprinter who wore a black beret in a sign of protest at the 1968 Olympics then went onto a life of humanitarian work in support of social justice. May 19.

Alix Dobkin, 80: The lesbian singer and feminist activist who appeared in an iconic and recently resurgent 1975 photo wearing a T-shirt that read “The Future is Female.” May 19.

Eric Carle, 91: A beloved children’s author and illustrator whose classic “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” and other works gave millions of kids some of their earliest and most cherished literary memories. May 23.

Lois Ehlert, 86: Her cut-and-paste shapes and vibrant hues in books including “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” put her among the most popular illustrators of books for preschoolers of the late 20th century. May 25.

Kay Lahusen, 91: A pioneering gay rights activist who chronicled the movement’s earliest days through her photography and writing. May 26.

B.J. Thomas, 78: The Grammy-winning singer who enjoyed success on the pop, country and gospel charts with such hits as “I Just Can’t Help Believing,” “Raindrops Keep Fallin’ On My Head” and “Hooked on a Feeling.” May 29.

June

F. Lee Bailey, 87: The celebrity attorney who defended O.J. Simpson, Patricia Hearst and the alleged Boston Strangler, but whose legal career halted when he was disbarred in two states. June 3.

Chief Leonard Crow Dog, 78: A renowned spiritual leader and Native American rights activist who fought for sovereignty, language preservation and religious freedom. June 6.

Ned Beatty, 83: The Oscar-nominated character actor who in half a century of American movies, including “Deliverance,” “Network” and “Superman,” was a booming, indelible presence in even the smallest parts. June 13.

Consuewella Dotson Africa, 67: A longtime member of the Black organization MOVE and mother of two children killed in the 1985 bombing of the group’s home in Philadelphia. June 16.

Donald Rumsfeld, 88: The two-time defense secretary and one-time presidential candidate whose reputation as a skilled bureaucrat and visionary of a modern U.S. military was unraveled by the long and costly Iraq War. June 29.

Delia Fiallo, 96: She was considered the mother of Latin America’s telenovelas and wrote dozens of the popular television soap operas. June 29.

July

Jovenel Moise, 53: The Haitian president was a former banana producer and political neophyte who ruled for more than four years as the country grew increasingly unstable. July 7.

Gloria Richardson, 99: An influential civil rights pioneer whose determination not to back down while protesting racial inequality was captured in a photograph as she pushed away the bayonet of a National Guardsman. July 15.

Floyd Cooper, 65: An award-winning illustrator and author of children’s books whose mission to offer candid and positive images of Black history included subjects ranging from Frederick Douglass to Venus and Serena Williams. July 16.

Gloria Ratti, 90: A champion of women’s running who rose from a finish line volunteer at the Boston Marathon to vice president of the race’s organizing body. July 24.

Robert Parris Moses, 86: A civil rights activist who was shot at and endured beatings and jail while leading Black voter registration drives in the American South during the 1960s and later helped improve minority education in math. July 25.

Carl Levin, 87: A powerful voice on military issues in Washington and a staunch supporter of the auto industry back home in Michigan during his tenure in the U.S. Senate. July 29.

August

Richard Trumka, 72: The president of the AFL-CIO who rose from the coal mines of Pennsylvania to preside over one of the largest labor organizations in the world. Aug. 5.

Bobby Bowden, 91: The folksy Hall of Fame coach who built Florida State into a college football dynasty. Aug. 8.

Maki Kaji, 69: The creator

of the popular numbers puzzle Sudoku whose life’s work was spreading the joy of puzzles. Aug. 10.

James Hormel, 88: The first openly gay U.S. ambassador and a philanthropist who funded organizations to fight AIDS and promote human rights. Aug. 13.

Don Everly, 84: He was one half of the pioneering Everly Brothers whose harmonizing country rock hits affected a generation of rock ‘n’ roll music. Aug. 21.

Charlie Watts, 80: The self-effacing Rolling Stones drummer who helped anchor one of rock’s greatest rhythm sections and used his “day job” to support his enduring love of jazz. Aug. 24.

Ed Asner, 91: The burly and prolific character actor who became a star in middle age as the gruff but lovable newsman Lou Grant, first in the hit comedy “The Mary Tyler Moore Show” and later in the drama “Lou Grant.” Aug. 29.

September

Willard Scott, 87: The beloved weatherman who charmed viewers of NBC’s “Today” show with his self-deprecating humor and cheerful personality. Sept. 4.

Norm Macdonald, 61: A comedian and former “Saturday Night Live” writer and performer. Sept. 14.

George Holliday, 61: The Los Angeles plumber who shot grainy video of four white police officers beating Black motorist Rodney King in 1991. Sept. 19.

Melvin Van Peebles, 89: The groundbreaking filmmaker, playwright and musician whose work ushered in the “blaxploitation” wave of the 1970s and influenced filmmakers long after. Sept. 21.

October

Ronnie Tutt, 83: A legendary drummer who spent years playing alongside Elvis Presley and teamed up with other superstars ranging from Johnny Cash to Stevie Nicks. Oct. 16.

Colin Powell, 84: The trailblazing soldier and diplomat whose sterling reputation of service to Republican and Democratic presidents was stained by his faulty claims to justify the 2003 U.S. war in Iraq. Oct. 18.

Jerry Pinkney, 81: A prize-winning children’s book illustrator known for his richly textured images of Black life, fables and fairy tales in works ranging from “The Lion and the Mouse” to “The Sunday Outing.” Oct. 20.

Peter Scolari, 66: A versatile character actor whose television roles



Bob Dole



Hank Aaron



Larry King



Mary Wilson

included a yuppie producer on “Newhart” and a closeted dad on “Girls” and who was on Broadway with longtime friend Tom Hanks in “Lucky Guy.” Oct. 22.

A. Linwood Holton Jr., 98: Virginia’s first Republican governor since Reconstruction and a crusader against racial discrimination. Oct. 28.

November

Aaron T. Beck, 100: A groundbreaking psychotherapist regarded as the father of cognitive therapy. Nov. 1.

Sabah Fakhri, 88: One of the Arab world’s most famous singers, he entertained generations with traditional songs and preserved nearly extinct forms of Arabic music. Nov. 2.

F.W. de Klerk, 85: He shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Nelson Mandela and as South Africa’s last apartheid president oversaw the end of the country’s white minority rule. Nov. 11.

Lee Elder, 87: He broke down racial barriers as the first Black golfer to play in the Masters and paved the way for Tiger Woods and others to follow. Nov. 28.

December

Bob Dole, 98: He overcame disabling war wounds to become a sharp-tongued Senate leader, a Republican presidential candidate and then a symbol of his dwindling generation of World War II veterans. Dec. 5.

Al Unser, 82: One of only four drivers to win the Indianapolis 500 a record four times. Dec. 9.

Michael Nesmith, 78: The singer-songwriter, author, actor-director and entrepreneur who will likely be best remembered as the wool-hatted, guitar-strumming member of the made-for-television rock band The Monkees. Dec. 10.

Anne Rice, 80: The novelist whose lush, best-selling gothic tales, including “Interview With the Vampire,” reinvented the blood-drinking immortals as tragic antiheroes. Dec. 11.

Vicente Fernandez, 81: An iconic and beloved singer of regional Mexican music who was awarded three Grammys and nine Latin Grammys and inspired a new generation of performers, including his son, Alejandro Fernandez. Dec. 12.

bell hooks, 69: The groundbreaking author, educator and activist whose explorations of how race, gender, economics and politics intertwined helped shape academic and popular debates over the past 40 years. Dec. 15.

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New York Times Crossword

SEASON TO TASTE
BY LAURA TAYLOR KINNEL / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Laura Taylor Kinne is a math teacher and the director of studies at a Friends boarding school in Newtown, Pa. This is her fifth crossword for The Times. Last New Year's Eve, when Laura got together with some wordplay-loving friends via Zoom, she gave them words from a working version of this puzzle, for which some of the celebrants suggested clues. I wonder if they'll remember any of them now. — W.S.

- ACROSS

1

They might be put on

5

Singer Grande, informally

8

Undercover attire?

11

_____ Creole (Caribbean language)

18

Drive-_____

19

Certain urban map

22

Demoralize

23

Little tyke

25

Flatter, with "up"

26

Things bachelors might have

27

Certain Scandinavian

28

"Gimme _____!" (start of a cheer at three Big Ten schools)

29

Noted Dadaist

31

_____ Helmer, Ibsen heroine

32

Scalpel creations

34

Relative of a tee-hee

38

Bit of marginalia

41

M.L.K. or R.B.G.: Abbr.

43

Stage name of rapper Yasiin Bey

44

Forest spirit

45

Pep

47

Onesie feature

49

"Sure, I'm game"

51

UNICEF address suffix

52

H.S. subj.

53

Words before point or rate

54

Ring

56

Hold, as inhabitants

58

Med school subj.

60

Certain Scandinavian

61

"The One I Love" band

62

_____ Hall ("The Wind in the Willows" residence)
- 63

Loud but friendly growl
- 64

Bow
- 65

Adjusts the spacing between, as typed letters
- 67

No _____ (apartment policy)
- 70

Big name in cast-iron cookware
- 72

Reduce in volume
- 74

As new
- 76

It'll knock you out
- 78

Ogler
- 79

Chiwere speakers
- 80

Christmas ornament, often
- 82

Modern prefix with medicine
- 83

Becomes less taut
- 86

Old "Up, up and away" sloganeer
- 87

Mannheim madame
- 88

Fivers
- 89

Kind of leaf
- 92

Scientist born on Christmas Day in 1642
- 94

With 117-Down, cholesterol reducer
- 95

Musician Brian
- 96

Paris's _____ Saint-Louis
- 97

_____ Finch, "ER" doctor
- 98

Possible result of getting one's wires crossed
- 99

Moola
- 101

Singer/actress Shore
- 103

Big block
- 106

Two-time U.S. Open tennis champion while still a teen
- 107

Breakfast dish
- 109

Fruitcake tidbit
- 112

Amasses, with "up"
- 114

Nuclear-medicine units

115

"_____, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus"

116

_____ culpa

118

Trig function

119

Some laundromat machines

122

This puzzle's images, in two different ways

127

Physician awarded a Presidential Medal of Freedom by G.W. Bush

128

Party staple

129

Prefix with space

130

Chandelier part, often

131

_____ -mo

132

Football units: Abbr.

133

Hurdle for a J.D. wannabe

DOWN

1

Court sport grp.

2

Course preparers

3

Becoming faint

4

Solarium activity

5

National dance co.

6

It was eliminated from the U.S. in 2004

7

Library IDs

8

Kitty

9

Project

10

Outback orders

11

Cabinet dept. since 1965

12

Come to _____

13

Fit

14

Nightmare

15

"Got it"

16

"_____ Maria"

17

Super Mario Bros. platform

20

Downfall

21

Dropped the ball

24

Remove, as a ribbon

30

Green shampoo

33

Italian thoroughfare

35

Wishy-washy response

36

Get, slangily

37

Genuine

39

Filmmaker von Trier

40

Little lead

42

Some graffiti

45

First and reverse

46

Not learned

47

Proverb-spouting Panza

48

Lancaster-to-Scranton dir.

50

Citrus hybrid

54

Come to _____

55

Present opening?

57

"Gonna Let It Shine" singer

59

Personal essence

61

Where to go on a trip?

65

Not a mystery

66

One keeping others up at night, perhaps

68

Something else

69

Singer Gomez

71

Went in a different direction

73

"What's _____ you?"

75

Pride and prejudice, e.g.

77

Fix, as a lawn

81

Pirate

84

Set

85

Mushroom

87

Woman in Progressive ads

89

Classic dog name

90

Hip bones

91

What some neighborhoods do

93

More than enough

94

Volts/amp

98

Long-tailed monkey

99

Blowout party

100

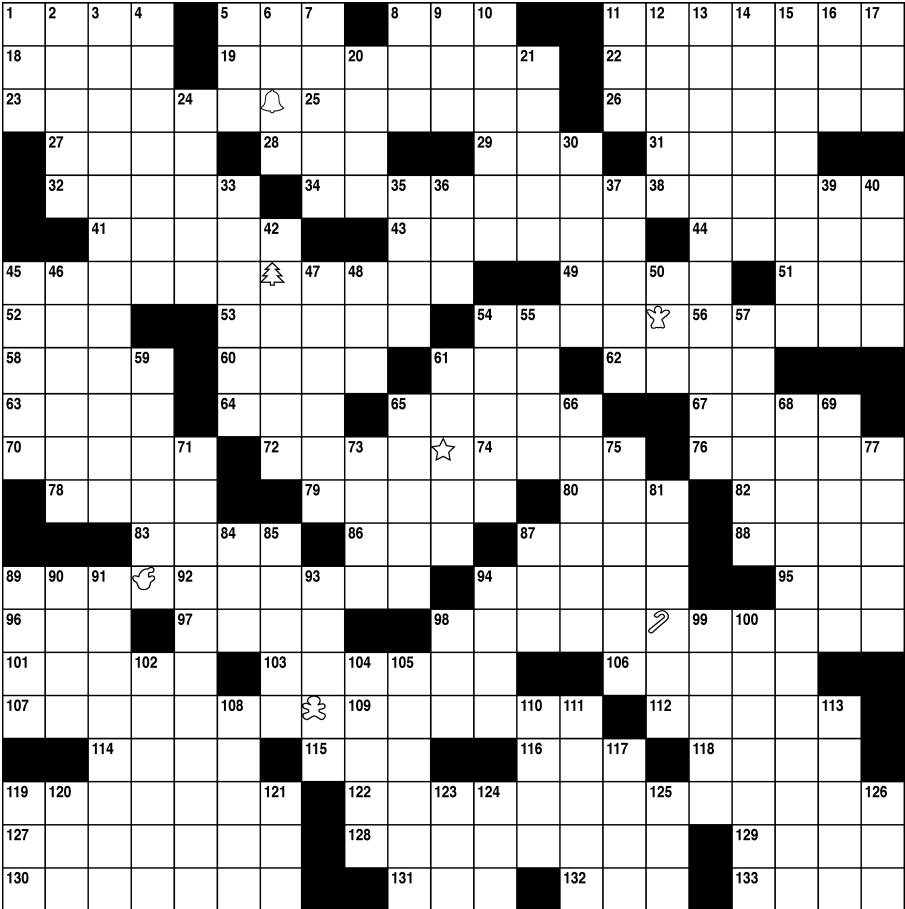
Piano performance, possibly

102

Some ranges

104

El _____ ("View of Toledo" painter)



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- 105

_____ Cradle (maritime rescue device)
- 108

Popular adoption agcy.
- 110

"Sign me up!"
- 111

High-maintenance
- 113

Richard famous for large-scale sculptures
- 117

See 94-Across
- 119

Agcy. fighting epidemics
- 120

Bobby of the N.H.L.
- 121

Part of R.S.V.P.
- 123

Old-fashioned menorah filler
- 124

"Kitchy-kitchy-_____!"
- 125

Raises
- 126

Teetotaler's opposite

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Patients struggle with medical bills

Nonprofits, crowdfunding and payment plans have been resources for those who can't pay

By Sujata Srinivasan
Conn. Health I-Team

In February, Lori Dingwell of Waterbury tested positive for COVID-19. She says she has yet to recover fully. The 53-year-old has seen her primary care physician, a neurologist, ophthalmologist, retinal specialist, infectious disease expert and rheumatologist. After a host of scans, blood tests and “an abnormal spinal tap,” Dingwell — a member of the COVID-19 long-hauler support group Survivor Corps — said physicians had no answers to help

explain her malady. Adding to her woes, she racked up nearly \$10,000 in medical debt. “I have it down to maybe \$7,700, but it could go up,” said Dingwell, a former counselor at a mental health organization in Southington. Now, Dingwell said she’s paying out of pocket for her mental health care, as well as a large share of her medical treatment since leaving her job a year ago. All of this despite having health insurance. “I have insurance off the exchange. They dropped the premium down to like \$15 a month,” she said. “I’ve been paying for bloodwork out of

my pocket. I’ve been paying out of pocket for any tests needed.” A JAMA study, Medical Debt in the U.S., 2009 to 2020, published in July by researchers at Harvard, Stanford, UCLA and the National Bureau of Economic Research, found that states, including Connecticut, that expanded Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act in 2014 experienced a 34% decline in new medical debt, compared with a 10% decline in states that did not expand the program over the same period. Yet, even with expanded Medicaid coverage, patients like Dingwell fall through the gaps. “I don’t

Turn to Bills, Page 2



Lori Dingwell, of Waterbury, is suffering from the long-term effects of COVID-19, but her insurance isn’t covering all the specialists she needs to see in order to fully recover. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT



Jamie Gregg, chief executive officer and owner of Colonial Bronze Co., stands by raw brass that will be fashioned into cabinet pulls and other hardware at his factory in Torrington. Colonial Bronze will benefit from Buy American legislation recently signed into law. STAN GODLEWSKI/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

‘BUY AMERICAN’

By Stephen Singer | Hartford Courant

For Jamie Gregg, president, chief executive officer and owner of Colonial Bronze Co., a Torrington manufacturer of door handle pulls, knobs and other products, the road to a federal law expanding Buy American rules began a decade ago with an unusual phone call. A staffer for then-U.S. Rep. Chris Murphy asked, “Do you guys make towel bars?” he recalled in a recent interview. “That’s an odd question coming from a congressman’s office,” he said. Gregg, the third-generation owner of the 94-year-old family business, said he told Murphy’s office Colonial Bronze does make towel bars. Murphy, who has since been elected and reelected to the U.S. Senate, questioned why the Pentagon would seek waivers to

avoid buying American-made towel bars for Air Force barracks in Alaska, Gregg said. His office looked for a Connecticut company that filled the bill. In November, President Joe Biden signed into law a massive infrastructure measure that includes legislation strengthen-

ing Buy American provisions. It’s been championed by Murphy, a Democrat, and was backed by others who represent states with manufacturing sectors: Sens. Rob Portman, R-Ohio; Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina; and

Turn to Law, Page 3

Policy pushed by Sen. Murphy for years was tucked into massive infrastructure bill and is now law

Police, educators agree on threats

At least a dozen teenagers have been criminally charged

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Sandwiched between the recent shooting that killed four at Oxford High School in Michigan and the ninth anniversary of the Sandy Hook School shooting that took 26 lives, a wave of social media threats disrupted classes across Connecticut for weeks. But though all seem to have been pranks, the threats have had a serious impact on students, teachers and families and the consequences of making, school officials and police say, also are serious. “We have zero tolerance for this,” said New Britain Police Chief Christopher Chute, whose department has been tracking down online threats. “We take every single one of these reports extremely seriously. We’re not going to tolerate anyone trying to create alarm or fear for people going to school.” Investigators have found no confirmed, credible threats in the state, but students, parents, teachers and other school staff have been dealing with increased anxiety because of all the false ones. A nonspecific threat that went viral on TikTok called for violence against schools on Dec. 17; some educators reported absenteeism that day was five or six times higher than usual as students stayed home or parents kept them out. In the two weeks before the TikTok wave, several Connecticut schools were hit with threats of shootings, bombings or fires, causing lock-

Turn to Threats, Page 3

In debut novel, Alysa Auriemma remains unapologetically true to herself

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

Alysa Auriemma tells a running joke about how, for years, people have clamored for Geno Auriemma’s daughter to write a book — expecting that if she did, it would likely be a memoir detailing what it’s like to have one of sports’ legendary champions as your father or offering an up-close-and-personal look at nearly four decades of greatness.

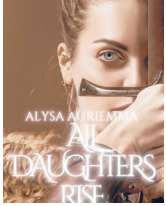
Next month, she’s finally publishing a book. But if you’re holding your breath for something related to her dad or basketball, you’re out of luck. “Here’s like a really, really weird book about vampires and witches, and everybody’s kind of gay, and nobody knows how to communicate,” Alysa told The Courant recently. “I made a joke about everyone regretting asking me to write a book because that’s not what they were expecting. So it’s going

to be really interesting to see the reaction once the book is in people’s hands, and they can actually get a sense of it.” Auriemma’s debut novel, “All Daughters Rise,” releases Jan. 4 and will be available on Amazon. From the character development and writing process, through the tribulations of seeking an agent, to her more recent decision to self-publish, she has remained steadfast in being unapologetically authentic each step of the way.

Formulating the story

UConn women’s basketball fans have likely seen the Auriemma’s work; she teaches English at Miss Porter’s School in Farmington, writes for espnW, The Courant, The New York Times and a personal blog. Unlike much of her previous published work, “All Daughters Rise” is a work of fiction, the first

Turn to Auriemma, Page 2



Alysa Auriemma’s “All Daughters Rise.”



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qualify for Medicaid, but I’m low income,” she said. “My husband is disabled, and we are probably \$250 more than the income” threshold for eligibility.

The Conn. Health I-Team analyzed county share of medical debt in Connecticut from the latest 2021 Urban Institute database. Litchfield County had the highest share of residents with medical debt at 14%, followed by Hartford and Windham counties at 13%.

A Dec. 8 search of “medical bills Connecticut” on the fundraising website GoFundMe generated more than 200 fundraisers. Among them, \$24,782 was raised for pancreatic cancer treatment for a patient at Hartford Hospital, \$15,035 for a patient with neuroblastoma at the Masonic Healthcare Center in Wallingford and \$9,700 raised for a 9-year-old who was treated at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center for a tumor. In addition to cancer treatment, people raised funds for reasons ranging from help with medical bills after a road acci-

dent to purchasing a therapy robot for a child.

Connecticut ranks among the highest in the country for per capita spending on health care: \$9,859 in 2014 (the latest year available), compared with \$8,045 nationally in 2014, data from Kaiser Family Foundation show. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the per capita national health expenditure surged to \$11,172 in 2018.

The state of Connecticut began paying premiums and all cost-sharing for eligible people whose children are covered under state-subsidized insurance. This will be expanded in 2022.

Nonprofits are stepping in as well. RIP Medical Debt, a New York-based nonprofit that acquires and retires medical debt for individuals, “is in negotiations with at least one health system with hospitals located in Connecticut, and unfortunately can’t name names right now,” said Keith Hearle, interim director of debt operation for RIP.

The nonprofit now buys medical debt directly from health systems, a new model compared to debt collectors’ purchase of medical debt.

In 2020, donors in Connecticut — the Southern New England Conference United Church of Christ and an anonymous source — provided \$2 million to support RIP’s medical debt abolishment program in Hartford, New Haven and Windham counties, among others.

Companies in the private sector are also launching initiatives to disrupt the model of health care delivery.

Canton-based consortium Goodroot Inc. claims to have accrued \$800 million in health care cost savings since 2015 for employers, groups and individuals. “Each of our affiliate companies addresses a specific problem or inefficiency in healthcare,” said Michael Waterbury, CEO of Goodroot. “Since medical debt stems from soaring health care costs, all of our initiatives are working to prevent medical debt by lowering costs in the first place.

For example, member company RemedyOne leverages rebate programs to help lower pharmacy costs for employees and employers.

Goodroot also supports nonprofits that directly offer medical debt relief, such as working with a medi-

cal debt organization to negotiate new agreements with hospitals to prevent overdue payments from going to collections. “In 2022, we will be launching a Goodroot affiliate that remediates medical debt,” Waterbury said.

Connecticut passed a law this year that goes into effect in October of 2022 that eliminates a loophole health care organizations have used to avoid limits on billing and collections. And, medical facilities have been required to disclose facility fees.

“This, combined with the ban on surprise billing and the price transparency rule at the federal level, represent major strides toward eliminating medical debt, but many causes of medical debt remain unchecked,” Waterbury said.

For instance, providers are still under no obligation to estimate or predict the cost of care.

And, “strangely, the price for some medications and procedures that is billed to people without insurance is sometimes lower than the out-of-pocket cost to someone with insurance,” Waterbury said. “Currently, there is no way to know if a procedure you are having done

would cost less if you do not run it through your insurance.”

For Lori Dingwell, her financial and medical difficulties continue. A specialist advised her to get a second spinal tap as a follow-up to the “abnormal” results on the first one. “The insurance is not going to cover that,” Dingwell said.

For now, she has a payment plan with her doctors. “My neurologist tried to get me to pay them \$150 a month,” she said. “They said, ‘Whoa, you’re paying \$50 now, and your bill is increasing.’ And I said I cannot.”

When a specialist referred Dingwell to a COVID-19 clinic, the first thing the staff on the phone informed her was that her insurer would not cover the majority of her treatment.

“They told me that I will be responsible for my bills,” Dingwell said. “At that point, I just gave up.”

Ishan Rangarajan, an economics student at Princeton University, contributed to this story.

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Auriemma

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of a two-part series set in a world she created.

The young adult queer fantasy story centers around a witch, Sabrina, who has no choice but to team up with her vampire ex, Lora, in an effort to save the world. In doing so, Sabrina is carrying out the legacy of her mother, whom she discovers was once the leader of a secret society of warriors called the Daughters.

Some version of the characters has been in Alysa’s head for 17 to 18 years, and her longstanding fascination with witchcraft and Italian folklore helped shape the world she built. The tone of her story, though, shifted dramatically over time. She initially wanted to write something snarky and sarcastic making fun of the vampire-werewolf trope that had burst into the literary scene with the ascent of the “Twilight” books and movies. That version ultimately didn’t feel like her.

Everything changed when she brought the two main characters into a room and had them start interacting.

“I was like, ‘Oh, they’re going to end up together. This is actually an LGBTQ sort of thing,’ because those characters I had written previously as straight,” Alysa said. “But I put those two together, and I thought, ‘I need to rethink everything.’”

This isn’t a Sapphic love story, though. Lora and Sabrina are exes. And things ended badly.

In the characters’ first encounter since breaking up, also the opening scene of the novel, Sabrina doesn’t have a snappy zinger or retort when speaking to Lora, the vampire who broke her heart. She’s at a loss for words, a bumbling mess, the opposite of how you’d want to act the first time you run into an ex post-breakup.

In Alysa’s eyes, it’s that messiness that’s missing in the young adult queer fantasy space, something that, in reality, is universal in both straight and queer relationships. She has a front-row seat to it, comparing the way Lora and Sabrina interact to how her students at Miss Porter’s describe their own relationship misadventures.

“One of the things with the YA female-female fantasy space is that people are looking for a very specific type [of relationships]. It has to almost be perfect, or it needs to be super dramatically angsty, but also beautiful in a way, and it can’t be messy,” Alysa said. “I think the reason why mine maybe adds to that space is that it’s really messy and annoying, and the characters hate that they’re into each other.”

“Sometimes queer people are written as kind of these saintly martyrs who are perfect or they have to die in order for their lives to be worth something. And I think that’s getting better, but they’re also

messy and silly and make dumb choices and kiss the wrong people and have issues that are also really trivial while, in my little world, trying to save the world.”

A relationship-gone-wrong is just one facet of Alysa’s universe and story: It’s just as much about family and acceptance, about turning the things that make you different, what you may see as weaknesses, into strengths. One of the characters has a power where she explodes when her anxiety gets to be too much. The book’s dedication? “To anyone who needs a little bit of power, may this book be your wings.”

The messiness of the emotions, the characters’ inability to properly communicate at times, the dialogue itself make this novel more authentic, Alysa says, than anything else she’s ever written, even though this story takes place in a made-up world full of vampires and witches.

“There’s just very human mistakes and interactions,” Alysa said. “There’s many, many books out there that are in that space that are written so beautifully. I read them and I’m like, ‘I wish I could write like that,’ but then when I go and try to write something like that, my characters do really dumb stuff. I don’t think I can write any other way. I’d rather them be real and have the writing be kind of messy, than it be perfect but not believable.”

Just as importantly, Alysa remained true to herself, both in

how she wrote the story and how she’d ultimately share it.

Sharing with the world

Alysa queried the book to agents for two years, but struggled to find one who would take a chance on her. She jokes that even pulling some strings got her nowhere, as her father’s literary agent never wrote her back. The agents who did bother to respond, including a couple who requested her full manuscript, said they didn’t really know how to market the book, which, to an extent, she understood.

“I get it, because it’s kind of a weird book,” Alysa said. “I kind of thought that was cool, because it meant that I was doing something really interesting ... but there’s no way I would go back and change it to make it more marketable.”

She ultimately opted to self-publish to ensure the book would get out into the world no matter what.

Going through with self-publication has brought back the fun to what had become a demoralizing process. Auriemma made the book cover herself and is handling all the promotion, much of which she’s doing on Twitter, where she has a respectable following of more than 3,500.

Then, unprompted by Alysa or her dad, UConn star Paige Bueckers tweeted out the book’s Amazon

link in mid-October, encouraging her 60,000+ followers to pre-order it.

Alysa tweeted at the time: “Some people have literary agents. I have Paige Bueckers.”

Auriemma hopes the book’s release will build momentum and an audience as she plans ahead for Book 2. She hasn’t given up on finding an agent down the line, but she’s less fixated on how many copies she sells or whether her book is ultimately sold to a publisher.

“My dad always says, ‘Whatever you do, be good at it. Do your best,’” Alysa said. “‘Even if it doesn’t work, even you fall flat on your face, as long as you try your absolute best, you can’t regret trying.’”

“So if this book flops, whatever, I did it. I put it out there. It’s out in the world for people to see.”

What she really cares about? The impact her story can have on those who come across it, particularly younger readers who may need a book like hers to be their wings.

“If one little queer kid reads my book and says, ‘I see myself,’ or one little anxious kid reads my book and sees something of themselves in it, that’s all I want,” she said. “That’s why I wanted to get it out. Because I feel like there’s a kid out there that needs this. I don’t know who that person is, but they need it. And that’s really all that matters to me.”

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WEEKLY MARKET RUNDOWN

▲ DOW	▲ NASDAQ	▲ S&P 500	▲ 10-YR T-NOTE	▲ 30-YR T-BOND	▲ CRUDE OIL	▲ GOLD	▲ EURO
35,950.56 +585.12	15,653.37 +483.69	4,725.79 +105.15	1.49% +0.9	1.90% +0.8	\$73.79 +2.93	\$1,811.20 +7.40	\$1.1334 +.0083
STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST							
Saturday, December 25, 2021							
COMPANY	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	FRIDAY CLOSE	\$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	%RTN 1YR	RANK %RTN 5YRS*
AT&T Inc	T	22.02	22.50	0.48	2.1	4.6	▲
Adv Micro Dev	AMD	72.50	164.46	146.14	8.39	6.1	▲
Alphabet Inc C	GOOG	1699.00	3037.00	2942.85	86.79	3.0	▲
Alphabet Inc A	GOOGL	1694.00	3019.33	2938.33	103.83	3.7	▲
Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	2881.00	3773.08	3421.37	21.02	0.6	▼
Amphenol Corp	APH	58.58	86.05	85.06	2.78	3.4	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	116.21	182.13	176.28	5.14	3.0	▲
Avangrid Inc	AGR	44.02	55.57	48.82	0.91	1.9	▼
Bank of America	BAC	28.73	48.69	44.42	0.54	1.2	▼
Barnes Group	B	39.84	57.64	46.27	1.13	2.5	▲
Booking Holdings	BKNG	1860.73	2687.29	2402.25	191.79	8.7	▲
Brist Myr Sqb	BMV	53.22	69.75	62.05	0.49	0.8	▲
CVS Health Corp	CVS	67.06	102.22	101.31	0.95	0.9	▲
Carrier Global Corp	CARR	34.21	58.89	52.82	0.71	1.4	▼
Charter Commun	CHTR	585.45	825.62	648.30	-1.70	-0.3	▼
Cigna Corp	CI	190.88	272.81	225.89	6.27	2.9	▲
CocaCola Co	KO	48.11	58.92	58.22	0.49	0.8	▲
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	46.29	61.80	50.03	1.28	2.6	▼
Disney	DIS	142.04	203.02	153.63	4.87	3.3	▲
DuPont de Nemours	DD	66.37	87.27	78.54	2.03	2.7	▼
EMCOR Group Inc	EME	87.36	135.98	125.55	4.05	3.3	▼
Energy Transfer L.P.	ET	6.03	11.55	8.22	-0.13	-1.6	▼
Ethan Allen	ETD	18.80	32.15	25.45	0.46	1.8	▲
Eversource Energy	ES	76.64	92.66	89.44	0.04	0.0	▲
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	40.53	66.38	61.02	0.99	1.6	▼
Ford Motor	F	8.43	21.49	20.25	0.48	2.4	—
Freeport McMoran	FCX	23.96	46.10	41.13	0.13	8.2	▲
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	5.34	29.44	6.46	0.15	2.4	▼
Gen Dynamics	GD	144.50	210.21	204.69	2.49	1.2	▲
Gen Electric	GE	82.88	116.17	94.00	2.63	2.9	▼
Hartford Fr Sv	HIG	46.51	78.17	68.27	0.57	0.8	▼
Honeywell Intl	HON	194.55	236.86	205.22	0.05	0.0	▼
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	12.23	19.08	15.75	-0.24	-1.5	▼
Infosys Ltd	INFY	15.78	24.54	20.73	0.69	2.9	▲
Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	5.59	19.00	6.08	-0.42	-6.5	▼
Intel Corp	INTC	45.24	68.49	51.31	0.69	1.4	▲

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Three year return shown for stocks trading less than five years (indicated by “a”). Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock’s performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (▲▲▲▲) to bottom 20 percent (▼▼▼▼).

INTEREST RATES				
Money market mutual funds		YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg		0.01		
Allspring 100% Treas MMF/Ci A		0.05	\$ 1,000 min	(888) 222-8222
Tax-exempt—national avg		0.01		
JPMorgan Tax Free MMF/Instit		0.02	\$10 mil.	(800) 766-7722
CONSUMER RATES				
	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO
48 month new car loan	3.42	3.57	Money market account	0.07 0.07
60 month new car loan	3.52	3.69	1 year CD	0.28 0.28
\$30K Home equity loan	6.46	6.46	3 year CD	0.34 0.34
30 year fixed mortgage	3.19	3.24	5 year CD	0.42 0.42
15 year fixed mortgage	2.50	2.52	Savings interest	0.23 0.23

TREASURYS				
	FRIDAY YIELD	1WK	CHANGE 1MO	52-WEEK HIGH LOW
3-month T-Bill	0.08	0.03	▲	-0.01 0.11 0.01
6-month T-Bill	0.18	0.05	▲	0.09 0.18 0.02
52-week T-Bill	0.28	0.03	▲	0.19 0.30 0.04
2-year T-Note	0.71	0.05	▲	0.58 0.71 0.09
5-year T-Note	1.25	0.07	▼	0.87 1.34 0.36
7-year T-Note	1.42	0.08	▼	0.75 1.58 0.63
10-year T-Note	1.49	0.09	▼	0.55 1.74 0.88
30-year T-Bond	1.90	0.08	▼	0.20 2.48 1.63

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

DOW 30						
TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	\$CHG 1WK	PCT CHANGE 1WK	IMO	1YR	
1. Goldman Sachs Grp	GSF	385.04	3.24	0.8	-3.5	50.5
2. Microsoft Corp	MSFT	334.69	10.89	3.4	-1.0	48.1
3. UnitedHealth Group	UNH	495.38	8.26	1.7	10.0	46.5
4. Home Depot	HD	397.07	9.09	2.3	-3.6	46.5
5. Chevron Corp	CVX	116.41	2.81	2.5	-0.7	40.3
6. Amer Express	AXP	164.19	4.18	2.6	-4.3	39.7
7. Cisco Syst	CSCO	62.28	1.82	3.0	12.1	39.3
8. Apple Inc	AAPL	176.28	5.14	3.0	8.9	35.6
9. JPMorgan Chase	JPM	157.26	0.50	0.3	-5.8	29.3
10. Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	50.48	1.63	3.3	8.3	27.5
11. McDonalds Corp	MCD	265.95	4.25	1.6	3.4	27.4
Dow Jones industrial average 35950.56 +52.92 +0.2 +0.4						
12. Procter & Gamble	PG	160.10	2.64	1.7	7.7	17.2
13. Nike Inc B	NKE	165.67	4.31	2.7	-3.7	16.5
14. Travelers Cos	TRV	154.65	-3.54	-2.2	-2.7	15.1
15. IBM	IBM	130.63	3.23	2.5	11.9	15.0
16. CocaCola Co	KO	58.22	0.49	0.8	5.0	12.6
17. Caterpillar Inc	CAT	206.20	4.83	2.4	-0.4	12.5
18. Intel Corp	INTC	51.31	0.69	1.4	3.1	12.5
19. Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	168.25	0.02	0.0	5.0	12.0
20. Salesforce.com Inc	CRM	213.14	0.21	0.1	-12.5	11.5
21. Visa Inc	V	216.62	4.74	2.2	6.6	13.7
22. Dow Inc	DOW	55.14	1.04	1.9	-6.0	13.5
23. Merck & Co	MRK	75.73	0.04	0.1	-8.0	13.4
24. 3M Company	MMM	174.97	1.22	0.1	-1.5	11.8
25. Amgen	AMGN	223.79	0.29	0.6	9.7	10.3
26. Honeywell Intl	HON	205.22	0.05	0.0	-3.3	12.5
27. WalMart Strs	WMT	139.49	0.74	0.5	-4.8	12.8
28. Verizon Comm	VZ	52.68	-0.49	-0.9	-2.0	12.0
29. Boeing Co	BA	204.22	11.59	6.0	-3.0	12.0
30. Disney	DIS	153.63	4.87	3.3	1.5	11.5

—	77.57	67.87	2.11	3.2	▼	▲	34.9	41.7	████	1.8	19	2.7
—	51.17	45.74	3.46	8.2	▲	▲	45.2	49.2	████	9.8	...	...
—	99.36	94.78	0.33	0.3	▲	▲	14.4	19.0	████	4.9	6	...
—	384.33	335.24	1.45	0.4	▼	▼	22.7	23.7	████	23.0	25	...
—	67.68	61.78	1.53	2.5	▼	▼	31.6	38.9	████	7.5	13	3.1
—	96.96	94.42	11.42	13.8	▲	▲	25.6	28.4	████	31.3	18	0.4
—	349.67	334.69	10.89	3.4	▼	▲	50.5	49.8	████	40.1	37	0.7
—	98.52	86.66	0.76	0.9	▲	▲	-8.2	1.5	████	9.9	20	3.5
—	346.47	296.40	18.39	6.6	▼	▲	127.0	121.5	████	61.6	>99	...
—	92.84	85.25	1.09	1.3	▲	▼	26.2	30.3	████	0.0	30	1.1
—	19.62	17.45	0.68	4.1	▼	▲	35.0	42.9	████	1.3	25	4.2
—	61.71	58.71	-0.77	-1.3	▲	▲	59.5	66.3	████	16.8	25	2
—	15.50	6.68	-0.13	-1.9	▼	▼	8.4	24.0	████	-11.2	...	3.0
—	115.52	108.25	2.87	2.7	▼	▼	38.7	48.7	████	3.7	6	4.2
—	66.30	64.58	0.49	0.8	—	▲	10.8	18.2	████	11.1	22	3.2
—	92.32	84.90	2.62	3.2	▼	▼	18.7	24.3	████	6.8	39	2.4
—	273.38	272.70	3.70	1.4	▲	▲	75.6	80.9	████	29.4	63	...
—	81.46	81.66	1.70	2.1	▲	▲	12.2	14.9	████	23.7	53	0.8
—	8.14	6.43	0.05	0.8	▲	▲	0.9	2.8	████	8.0	>99	1.4
—	83.34	48.68	3.39	7.5	▼	▼	-2.8	-10.2	████	0.0	...	...
—	225.00	182.20	-1.50	-0.8	▼	▼	2.0	1.7	████	10.7	16	1.7
—	55.60	43.54	1.52	3.6	▼	▲	24.8	23.5	████	6.9	22	1.1
—	1243.49	1067.00	134.43	14.4	▼	▲	51.2	57.6	████	89.1	>99	...
—	163.29	154.65	-3.54	-2.2	▼	▼	10.2	15.9	████	6.9	10	2.3
—	64.05	43.91	4.23	10.7	▲	▼	-13.9	-20.0	████	0.0	...	...
—	496.96	495.38	8.26	1.7	▲	▲	41.3	49.2	████	26.1	33	1.2
—	338.80	296.46	6.73	2.3	▼	▼	36.6	42.2	████	20.2	20	1.2
—	70.98	67.57	4.78	7.6	▲	▲	14.9	22.8	████	11.5	...	2.0
—	63.81	55.28	2.87	5.5	▼	▲	31.2	37.0	████	2.5	14	2.9
—	1267.52	1012.36	-1.68	-0.2	▼	▼	1.2	2.5	████	3.9	>99	0.1
—	70.72	48.36	0.20	0.4	▼	▼	0.6	2.3	████	21.9	31	1.0
—	90.78	75.32	3.98	5.6	▼	▼	8.6	8.5	████	23.9	18	...
—	26.96	22.45	1.94	9.5	▲	▲	-3.2	2.3	████	2.2	16	4.5
—	6.16	4.13	0.12	3.0	▲	▲	-27.7	-24.2	████	11.5	24	2.9

stocks trading less than five years (indicated by "a"). Ellipses indicate data not available.

percent (████) to bottom 20 percent (████).

30 BIGGEST FU NDS												
FUND	ASSETS		TICKER	PCT RETURN				RANK 5YRS*				
	(in billions)			1WK	1MO	1YR						
Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	3435	VFIAX	1.2	0.9	29.9	████	18.0					
Vanguard Total Stock Instl	329	VTSAX	1.7	0.1	26.2	████	17.6					
Vanguard Total Intl Stock Idx	192	VGTSX	1.1	-0.5	9.7	████	9.8					
Vanguard Instl Index Plus	169	VIIIX	1.2	0.9	29.9	████	18.0					
American Growth Fd of America	145	AGTHX	3.6	-1.2	21.1	████	20.6					
Vanguard Total Stock Index	131	VTSMX	1.7	0.1	26.1	████	17.4					
Fidelity Contrafund	128	FCNTX	1.4	-1.2	25.6	████	22.2					
Vanguard Institutional Index	125	VINIX	1.2	0.9	29.9	████	18.0					
American Balanced	102	ABALX	0.7	1.1	16.3	████	11.2					
Dodge & Cox Stock	91	DODGX	1.0	0.2	33.0	████	13.7					
American Income Fd of America	81	AMECX	0.4	1.6	17.1	████	9.2					
American Investment Co. Amer	78	AIVSX	1.4	1.1	26.0	████	14.4					
American Washington Mutual	74	AWSHX	0.8	2.0	29.3	████	14.7					
American Fundamental Investor	67	ANCFX	2.0	1.3	23.1	████	15.2					
American New Perspective	67	ANWPX	2.8	-0.5	19.4	████	19.7					
American Capital Income Bldr	65	CAIBX	0.8	1.7	15.1	████	7.9					
American CapWorld Growth/Inc	60	CWIGX	1.5	0.5	15.8	████	13.0					
PIMCO Total Return Instl	57	PTTRX	0.3	0.8	-0.6	████	4.3					
Fidelity Growth Company	53	FDGRX	3.1	-3.5	22.6	████	29.8					
Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	52	FBGRX	3.8	-2.4	22.8	████	29.3					
Vanguard Windsor II Admiral	45	VWNAX	0.7	0.0	29.8	████	14.9					
American AMCAP	43	AMCPX	3.0	0.2	25.0	████	17.5					
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Fidelity Balanced	37	FBALX	1.4	0.3	19.0	████	14.8					
American SmallCap World	37	SMCWX	3.0	-2.5	9.2	████	17.6					
FrankTemp Income	35	FKINX	0.0	1.3	17.8	████	7.4					
Fidelity Magellan	31	FMAXX	2.0	-0.2	28.6	████	20.1					
American Bond Fund of America	30	ABNDX	-0.3	0.6	-0.8	████	4.2					
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Law

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Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan.

The law will establish an online hub to increase transparency and ensure federal agencies make a priority of buying American-made goods in compliance with laws already on the books. The legislation also will give manufacturers the chance to challenge pending waivers sought by federal agencies.

It also codifies an executive order by then-President Donald Trump in 2017 requiring agencies to report on compliance with Buy American laws and how they're implemented.

Using the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure legislation to incorporate Buy American legislation made sense because the manufacturing base is part of U.S. industry, Murphy said. "We took advantage of an opportunity," he said.

In a video produced by his office, Murphy said the loss of government work by domestic manufacturers to overseas competitors with the use of U.S. taxpayer money "seemed crazy to me."

Manufacturing in Connecticut, prized for its skilled and well-paid

jobs, employs more than 155,000 workers, nearly 10% of the labor force, and accounts for about the same share of the state's nearly \$300 billion economy. Murphy has made promotion of manufacturing a visible part of his legislative career, going as far as seeking common ground with Trump for whom he said, with some understatement, he doesn't have "much love."

He said he got the idea for the Buy American law on a visit to Colonial Bronze. Gregg appeared on the senator's video to endorse the new law, saying it's "designed to level the playing field" between U.S. and foreign companies.

Critics of Buy American legislation say the federal government should engage with as many producers as possible to keep down costs. Daniel Drezner, a professor of international politics at the Fletcher School at Tufts University, said if the legislation is only a clearinghouse, "I'll breathe a sigh of relief."

"Buy American make things more expensive," he said. "You're telling the government you can't buy from the lowest-bid producer. You have to discriminate in favor of U.S. producers."

Allison Schrager, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, said Buy American policies subsidize uncompetitive business practices.

"It's better to compete on global markets and make adjustments where you can," she said.

Drezner said the politics of shuttered factories unable to compete globally are "brutal at times" and he acknowledged the need to buy domestically to protect national security. Still, Buy American rules are an "ineffective use of taxpayer dollars," he said.

And if politicians detail the true cost of protecting domestic manufacturing, Buy American might lose public support, he said. An admission that taxes will increase to support the purchase of higher-priced goods to keep jobs might lead Americans to "react differently," Drezner said.

Murphy said the law empowers the private sector.

"All we're doing is providing information in an easy to find way and leave it up to manufacturers to take advantage of this website," he said.

Buy American could become more expansive, however. Murphy said one idea he's considering is to raise the minimum percentage of



Sen. Chris Murphy, a Democrat from Connecticut, has long championed a Buy American measure that President Joe Biden signed into law in November as part of a massive infrastructure measure. **GREG NASH/POOL VIA AP**

U.S. content to 60% from 50% "to get rid of some of the waivers that are often abused."

Supply shortages in the early months of the pandemic "led to an awakening in Congress," boosting bipartisan support for stronger Buy American rules, he said.

Drezner blamed the shortages on U.S. policies allowing reserves of personal protective equipment

to atrophy and said government must build up supplies.

Meanwhile, Gregg said the Buy American website will be useful. Customer service representatives will scan it to determine if federal agencies are seeking waivers and will seize opportunities to make pitches for the products being purchased.

"This at least gives us an opportunity to articulate and fight for our position why you should buy this," he said.

Colonial Bronze, which employs 43 workers, has persevered by manufacturing customized, specialty products sold to designers and interior architects. It's remained in business long after competitors dropped out as the low-cost business structure of big box stores doing business with China took hold, Gregg said.

"I couldn't bring myself to do that so I stuck it out," he said.

As for the towel bars in the Air Force barracks in Alaska, Gregg said he never got the chance to make the sale to the Pentagon.

"That ship already sailed," he said.

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Threats

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downs or one-day closings.

So far, at least a dozen Connecticut teenagers — mostly middle-school age — have been criminally charged in New Haven, Naugatuck, Norwich, Hamden, Vernon, Danbury, Stratford and Norwalk.

Several of them are accused of making specific threats involving specific schools, usually ones they attended. Others are charged with reposting globally available social media threats about school danger, generally with some implication that the threat was targeted specifically at their school. So far, police have not said any of the students showed signs of planning actual violence.

But the behavior is so troubling — and causing such extensive disruptions for day-to-day teaching — that police and educators are emphasizing to parents that consequences can be severe.

"Threats like these are not pranks and are taken seriously by the criminal justice system," Bristol Police Chief Brian Gould said.

"Students who make or participate in threats to our schools and community will face punishment based on the level of their involvement in the threat, including in-school suspension, suspension and expulsion," said Laura Roberts, communications director for East Hartford's schools. "Students who threaten our schools or community could also be subject to arrest."

Southington educators found graffiti on a high school bathroom stall warning of school violence to happen on Dec. 16. Police and administrators investigated and found no substantiated threat, but extra police patrolled the school that day and attendance was down about 30 percent.

"A threat of school violence, more specifically use of weapons in a school, will result in at least a 10-day suspension if the culprit is identified and we are able to determine the threat was not credible (usually that is determined in collaboration with the police department after interviewing students and assessing the cause for the threat, as well as having police meet with families to ensure no access to weapons)," Superintendent Steven Medancy said.

"If the district feels a threat may have been credible we will absolutely look to expel and prosecute to the fullest extent of the law. Luckily, we have not had this occur this year," he said.

In more complicated cases where a threat may be a badly thought-out response to bullying, educators will do more.

"If it is related to mental health issues or bullying, consequences may still be applied, however wraparound supports will also be provided including school counseling, connecting with an outside therapist to coordinate a home-school plan, or a safety plan will be instituted for a victim of bullying," Medancy said.

Farmington educators still haven't disclosed details of what turned out to be an inaccurate report of a threat at the town's high school. About 40 percent of the school's students stayed home on the day when social media rumors indicated there'd be violence, but police and school administrators concluded there was no credible threat. They haven't said how that rumors began, but they've blamed

social media groups for spreading threats — and often adding inaccurate, more ominous details along the way.

Criminal cases involving students under 18 are handled by juvenile court, ensuring that penalties or outcomes in specific incidents almost never become public. But the charges in Connecticut this month have ranged from second-degree breach of peace, a misdemeanor, to first-degree threatening, a Class C felony.

In many of the false threat cases in Connecticut, students texted or reposted social media posts carrying a threat of violence — sometimes adding a message tying them to local schools, usually without. Even though the trend appears to have been driven by a TikTok "challenge," most of the incidents in New Britain involved Snapchat, Discord, Instagram or simple texting, Chute said.

"We look into every one of them in New Britain, even the vague ones. Our detectives are tracking them back to the sources," Chute said. "Sometimes it's 'I heard a rumor something's going to happen,' or 'I heard everyone

should stay home, it will be bad tomorrow.' But we have to treat them seriously and try to track them back."

With the Dec. 17 TikTok challenge past, educators are hoping the trend is over. Even schools that received no threats still suffered.

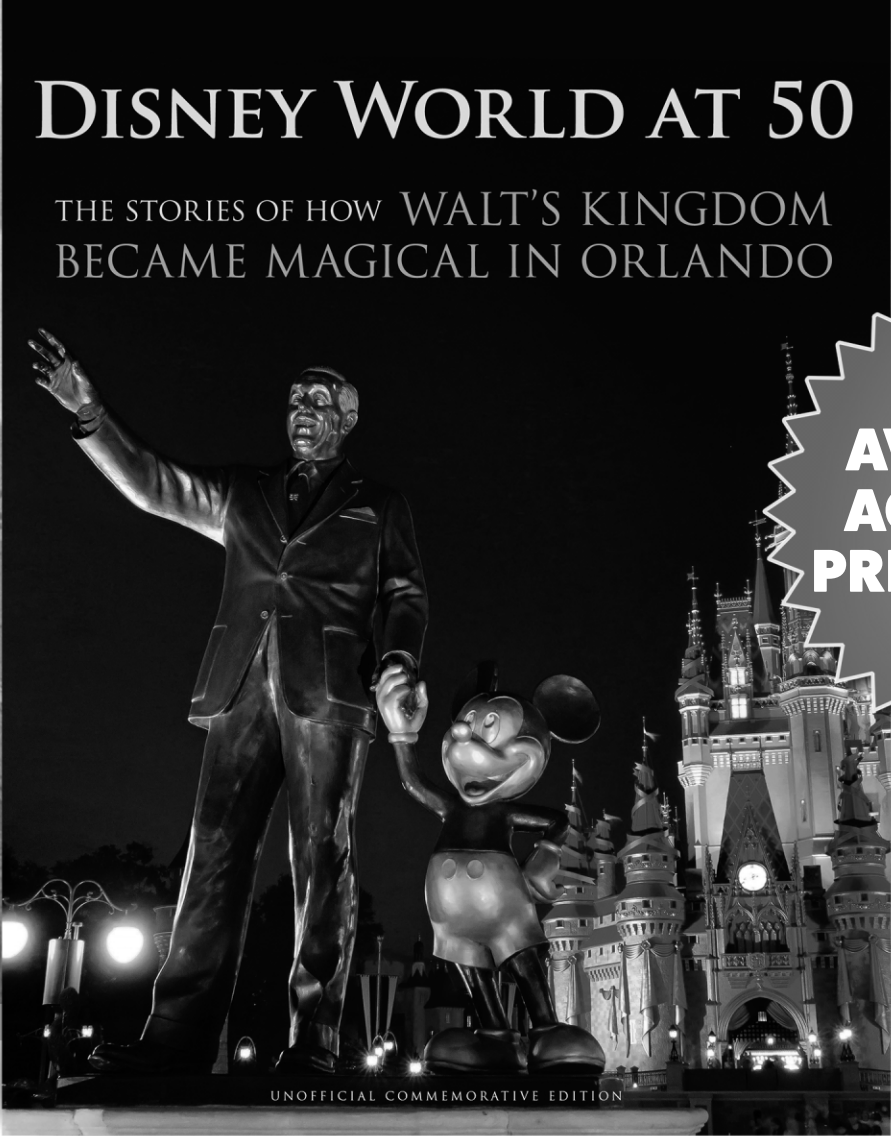
"We had no incidents or threats in Plainville. Sadly, our absences were definitely higher than normal — about 25 percent of students stayed home (Dec. 17)," Plainville schools Superintendent Steven LePage reported. "I understand parent concerns and student anxiety over these nefarious social media posts. I truly hope something can be done to take on these companies that promote such unfortunate and disruptive events."

Chute, Gould and educators agree that the wave of threats is an extra reason for parents to talk with their children about the risks of social media.

"Please take some time to talk to your child this and remind them that any threat made to the school in any way is a felony offense," Medancy advised parents in a recent email.

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Giving to charity in 2021? Keep this in mind at tax time



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With holiday and end-of-year charitable giving season upon us, the IRS has an important reminder: Recent legislation extended some temporary tax changes through 2021 — two of which are likely to impact a lot of filers.

1. Deduction for individuals who don't itemize. Usually, taxpayers who take the standard deduction can't deduct their charitable contributions. The law permits taxpayers to claim a deduction on their 2021 federal income tax returns for cash contributions they made to certain qualifying charitable organizations. The limit is \$300 for single filers and \$600 for those who are Married Filing Jointly.

2. Deduction for individuals who itemize on eligible cash contributions. Pre-COVID, taxpayers who itemized could claim a deduction for charitable contributions to

qualifying organizations, but the deduction was limited to 20% to 60% of adjusted gross income (AGI), depending on the type of contribution and the type of charity. The law now allows taxpayers to apply up to 100% of their AGI, for calendar-year 2021 qualified contributions. You need to choose to do this on your 2021 Form 1040 or Form 1040-SR.

More money tips for giving

QCD: If you are over age 70 ½, you may want to consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution. This technique allows you to make a grant of up to \$100,000 directly to an eligible charity (not to a private foundation, nor to a charitable supporting organization or a donor-advised fund) from your IRA, without paying tax on the amount of the donation. While you are not entitled to claim a charitable contribution, you are not paying taxes on the money withdrawn, so this could be a good idea for those who hold a lot of wealth in retirement accounts and/or those who do not need to use the cash flow from their Required Minimum Distributions.

Investigate the charity's financial health: Once you have confirmed that the group

is legitimate via the IRS.gov Tax Exempt Organization Search, check out how much of your donation goes to supporting programs versus overhead. The Better Business Bureau's (BBB) Wise Giving Alliance, Charity Watch, Guidestar, Charity Navigator and GiveWell are all helpful resources.

Gift your winners: Many assets have soared this year, which makes it a great time to gift appreciated securities from a taxable investment account. Doing so allows you to write off the current market value (not just what you paid) and escape taxes on the accumulated gains. Ask the charity about how to send the assets and confirm all receiving account numbers.

Consider DAFs: If you want to better manage your charitable giving, check out Donor Advised Funds. These accounts allow you to contribute cash, appreciated assets or investments and grant to a charity at any time; write off the current market value (not just what you paid) to escape taxes on the accumulated gains; and then recommend grants to your favorite charities whenever it makes sense for you. DAFs also allow you to give in a year when you have had higher-than-expected income, or

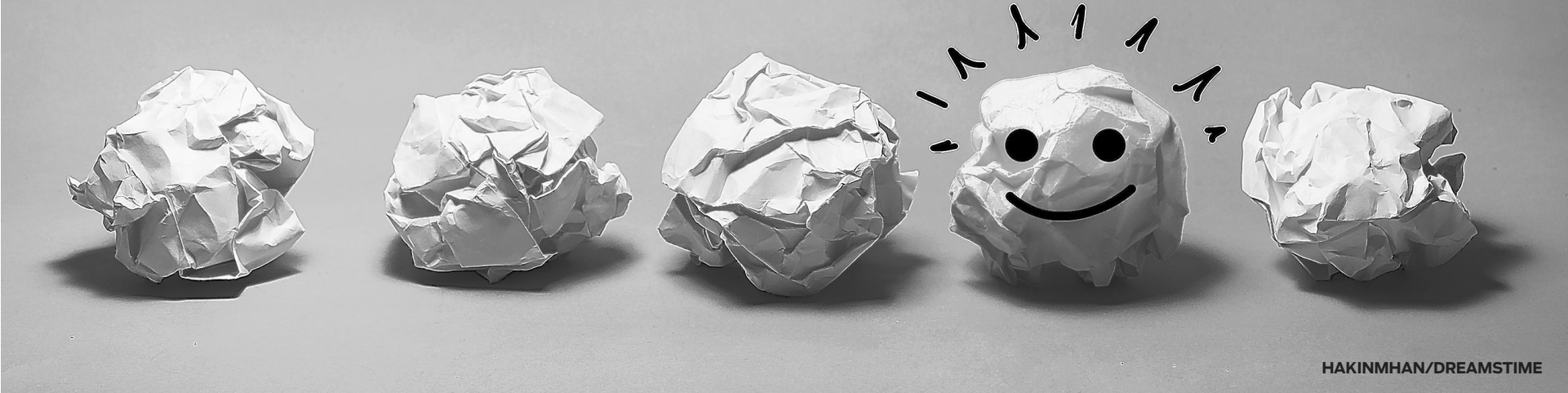
when you are trying to bunch deductions to qualify for itemizing deductions.

Watch your timing: If you are planning to send a check, your payments must be postmarked by midnight Dec. 31 — writing "Dec. 31" on the check does not automatically qualify you for a deduction, and pledges aren't deductible until paid. Donations made with a credit card are deductible as of the date the account is charged, so if you are late in the process, you probably should stick to credit cards.

Keep good records: For any cash or property valued at \$250 or more, you must have a receipt (bank record, payroll deduction or written communication) identifying the organization, the date and amount of the contribution and a description of the property. For text message donations, flag the telephone bill with the name of the receiving organization, the date of the contribution and the amount given.

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Failure isn't half as bad as not learning from it



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By Carey Smith | Inc.

Sooner or later, every TED Talker and self-appointed thought leader will expound on the subject of failure: how failure is essential, how to embrace it, even how to celebrate it. Many of them will trot out the old bromide "When one door closes, another one opens" to encourage you to see failure as an opportunity. Hey, they're motivational speakers. What are they supposed to say: Go sulk in your room for a year?

What I might say is, "If you're not failing, then you're not working hard enough." My first company didn't exactly fail as much as it flailed. The business never grew enough for me to take a day off, so that seemed like failing. Statistics tell us that almost everyone starting out in business will encounter failure — it's a done deal. And yet entrepreneurs launch millions of companies — a testament to the fact that we're an incredibly optimistic bunch.

Being an optimist is great. I speak from decades of firsthand experience. But other qualities are equally important if a founder is going to be successful. Chief among them is the willingness to take full responsibility for whatever vicissitudes befall the business; only then can you learn from them.

Too much of a good thing

Not long ago, the research firm CB Insights identified the top 12 reasons that startups fail, according to their founders.

Guess what came in at No. 1: "Ran out of cash." Lack of money is not the problem; it's a sign they need to dig deeper to find what's really wrong.

If anything, too much money is the problem. For some time now, we've been in a sellers' market for anyone pitching ideas. Even the flimsiest structures can generate bidding wars, as in the recent real estate market. So if you can't raise cash under these conditions, with money gushing out of VC checkbooks like water from a fire hose, then your problem isn't a lack of cash.

"No market need" came in at No. 2. Yes, that constitutes a legitimate cause for a product's failure, but clearly this product should never have been attempted in the first place. The problem is a lack of honest market research prior to launch.

Market research is not to be confused with asking your friends and family whether they think your product is a good idea, because they're likely to tell you what you want to hear. Yet, that is as far as many young entrepreneurs want to go. If you want to make sure your idea has traction, then you need to talk at length to people who know the market but don't give a fig about you personally.

Then get some decent prototypes for your product and seek objective opinions from the people in your target audience — and listen to them, especially when they find fault.

Which brings us to the No. 3 reason founders cite to explain their failure: "Got outcompeted." By whom? Amazon? What

do you expect when you sell on its site? That it'll serve you tea and crumpets? But maybe the culprit was the overseas contract manufacturer that stole your intellectual property and ran with it. Or maybe it was the fact that you leaped without looking into an overcrowded field, where lots of other companies are all vying for the same customers. In each of these circumstances, the outcome could have been avoided if you'd done your research first and not simply gone along with the crowd.

The study presented other reasons founders offered for their failure. But my favorite founders were the 8% who blamed their startup's demise on "Poor product." Whose product is it, anyway? It didn't wander into their business off the street and ask for a job.

Besides presumably being optimists, almost all the founders surveyed seemed to have one thing in common: They all deluded themselves about why they went bust. Whether they claimed it was bad timing or a flawed business model — how about no business model? — the real reason nearly all of them failed was simple: They didn't do their homework.

Maybe they didn't know any better, or maybe they ignored advice they were given out of overconfidence.

It doesn't really matter at this point. All that matters is that they learn from the experience and move on.

So what have I learned over a lifetime of working and making mistakes?

That first company I mentioned earlier

is still in business more than 20 years after I offloaded it. Plenty of people would see that as success. I don't, but the mistake I made then was to keep slogging away, year after year, trying to grow the business. From that I learned that whenever possible, fail as fast as you can. Don't spend years of your life chasing a venture that's never going to get you where you want to be.

At my company, I — not we — made plenty of mistakes. A few that stand out: when I approved a product that was too complicated; when I approved spending way too much on social media advertising; and when I decided to jump into the smart-home sector before the customers did.

Now, when founders come seeking money and advice, I urge them to make sure their product not only solves a problem but also is easy to understand.

I tell them that the customer acquisition cost for Facebook advertising is very, very steep, and that it's easy for Facebook to get the credit for other marketing successes.

And I also caution them to tread carefully with new technology. The early adopters make up a small percentage of the public, and you can get into trouble when you try to appeal to them.

Starting a business is exciting. But it is also a huge responsibility and a constant education in what not to do. You really learn how to run a business by being wrong, not by being right. And whether you succeed in the end ultimately depends on how hard you're willing to work — and how often you're willing to fail.



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Medicare premiums are set to rise



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In 2022, Medicare beneficiaries will pay higher Part B premiums as well as income-related surcharges. These increases were announced on Nov. 12 by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). They are the largest annual increases in recent history.

The standard Medicare Part B premium will increase from \$148.50 to \$170.10 per month. Part B covers doctors visits and other outpatient services. According to CMS, the increase is due to the rising prices and increased utilization of services across the health care system during the pandemic and anticipated intensity of care provided. CMS also indicated that Medicare needs to build contingency reserves because of the

uncertainty regarding the potential use of the Alzheimer's drug Aduhelm by people with Medicare.

By law, Part B monthly premiums must equal 25% of the estimated total Part B costs for enrollees 65 and older. In addition, the program must maintain adequate reserves in case costs are higher than anticipated.

"CMS is committed to ensuring high-quality care and affordable coverage for those who rely on Medicare today, while protecting Medicare sustainability for future generations," said CMS administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure. "The increase in the Part B premium for 2022 is continued evidence that the rising drug prices threaten the affordability and sustainability of the Medicare program."

High-income surcharges for 2022 are based on income reported on your 2020 tax return. There is always a two-year gap in time from between your tax return and the possible high-income surcharge, also known as income-related monthly adjustment amount (or IRMAA).

In 2022, individuals with modified

adjusted gross income (MAGI) of \$91,000 or more and married couples with MAGI of \$182,000 or more will pay a surcharge of at least \$68 a month. Tables for the surcharges can be found at <https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0601101020>. If both spouses are covered in Medicare, the premiums and surcharges are twice as much.

If you are subject to high-income surcharges on Part B premiums, you will also be subject to monthly surcharges on your prescription-drug plans. The additional surcharge ranges from \$12.40 a month to \$77.90 a month.

In November, the Social Security Administration announced the largest COLA adjustment to benefits in recent years: 5.9%. The average benefit for a retired worker will increase by \$92 a month in 2022, and the average benefit for a couple will increase by \$144 a month. Accordingly, the increase in benefits for most Social Security participants will be greater than the increase in Part B premiums. However, according to The Senior Citizens League, the Medicare B price increases will essentially cancel out the COLA adjustment of Social Security recipients with the lowest benefits.

Part B premiums have ranked as one of the fastest-growing costs that older retirees face in retirement. It is not likely that will change in the near future.

Many retirees are considering Roth conversions. It is important that retirees who are looking into this consider gradual conversions to avoid large increases in MAGI, which can lead to large surcharges two years later.

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Still time to make charitable gifts for 2021

In the post-holiday rush, please take one minute to reconsider your charitable giving. You have a few more days to make a big difference before the end of the year.

The changes in the tax law made in 2018 increased the standard deduction and limited deductions for state and local taxes. As a result, nearly nine in 10 people have decided not to itemize deductions and instead use the standard deduction.

When the changes were made, charities hoped they would not be overlooked without those itemized tax deductions. But Americans are still the most charitable people on the planet. And there are still tax benefits you can use if you make a 2021 contribution right now.

CARES Act charitable deduction

The CARES Act of 2020 originally created a special deduction for charitable contributions even if filers use the standard deduction. For 2021, that deductible amount has been increased to \$300 on a 2020 individual return and \$600 on a joint return for charitable deductions, in addition to the standard deduction.

That deduction has been extended to 2021 returns, which you will start filing next February. But the contribution must be made before year-end.

Contributions can be made by check, credit card or debit card, but don't include the value of volunteer services, household items or other property. Keep good records of your canceled check or card receipt, and any acknowledgment from the charity. The gift must be made to a legitimate tax-exempt charity.

There are literally thousands of organizations that could use your help. Find them at CharityNavigator.org.

Charitable gift from your IRA

As those over 72 know, there's a required minimum distribution (RMD) that must be taken before year-end. That RMD is considered ordinary income for tax purposes. But there is one helpful exception for people who don't need the distribution for their living expenses.

If you are at least 70 ½ years of age, you can donate an IRA distribution of up to \$100,000 to a qualified charitable organization, and the distributed amount is excluded from your gross income for federal income tax purposes. And that contribution counts toward your RMD for that tax year. But you must follow some important procedures:

- The donation must be made to a registered 501(c) 3 charity.
- Your IRA custodian must make that transfer directly from your IRA to the charity. (Don't take a distribution and then write your own check.)
- You must have a letter of acknowledgment from the charity.

Donor-advised funds

Every year, I write about donor-advised funds, calling them an easy way to establish your own "charitable foundation" without all the paperwork. Sponsored by financial institutions like Fidelity, Vanguard and others (and sometimes called "charitable gift funds"), they allow you to open a special mutual fund account with one tax-deductible deposit. Then the money can grow invested inside the fund over the years, as you make future distributions to recognized charities of your choice.

There's an added advantage to that strategy in 2021 for large contributions. Congress increased the adjusted gross income limit for cash contributions to qualifying public charities for the 2020 and 2021 tax years. The deduction limits are now 100% of adjusted gross income (up from 60% of adjusted gross income prior to the CARES Act).

Special note: You cannot make a gift transfer from an IRA to a donor-advised charitable gift fund.

All of this charitable giving must be completed before year-end, and it would be a shame to let this opportunity slip by. That's the Savage Truth.

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What to do if your credit card is closed

By Rivan V. Stinson
Kiplinger's Personal Finance

According to a report from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, even good borrowers experienced an uptick of account closures from March to June 2020.

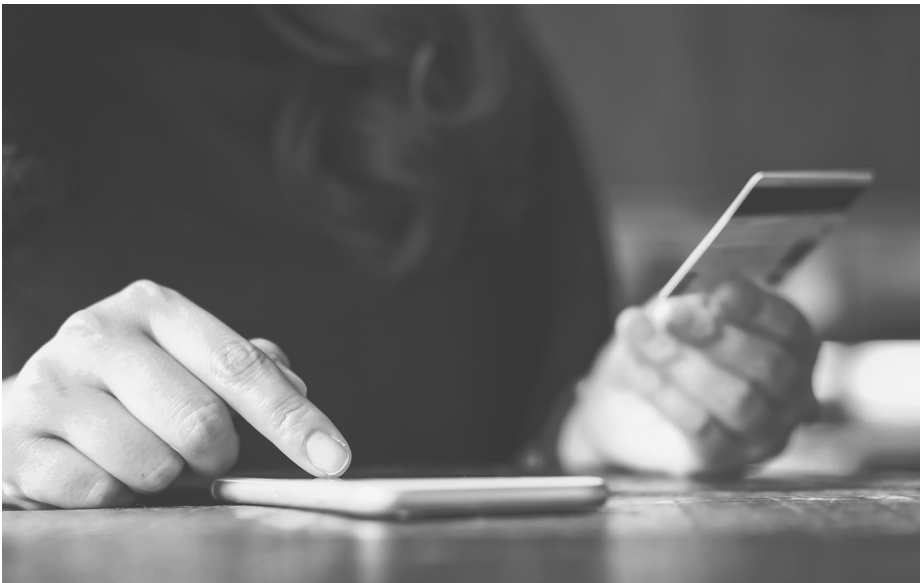
If you were part of the inactivity cull, you may be able to remedy the situation — especially if it's a card that you relied on as a backup. Plus, a canceled credit card may ding your credit score because it reduces the amount of available credit.

Your credit card issuer is not likely to tell you if it plans to close your account. However, if you've signed up with a credit-monitoring service such as Credit Karma, you may receive an alert. If that happens, call your issuer right away to see how to get your card reinstated.

The issuer may restore your account with the previous terms, or it may request that you reapply for the card. If you lost points because of the closure, ask if those can be reinstated as well — although the issuer has no obligation to do so. If your card is restored with a lower credit limit, wait six months and then ask for an increase.

In general, credit card issuers don't want to close your account because it's hard to find and keep a good customer, says credit expert John Ulzheimer, author of "The Smart Consumer's Guide to Good Credit."

Use cards you want to keep just often



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enough to keep them active. You could use the card to automatically pay a recurring bill, such as your gym membership or a subscription. When the bill comes in, pay the entire balance to avoid triggering interest charges. Or shop around for a card that has a lower rate or a rewards program that's better suited to your spending habits (see kiplinger.com/kpf/cards21).

If your credit score took a hit, reinstating your old credit card or applying for a new one should boost your score. When

an account is closed, the amount of available credit decreases, which affects your credit-utilization ratio — the amount you owe as a percentage of your total available credit. This ratio accounts for 30% of your credit score. It's best to keep your balances around 30% or less of your available credit.

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Science says 2 overlooked variables can be the keys to happiness

SOURCE: Jeff Haden, Inc.

Research published in Emotion found that over-emphasizing the pursuit of happiness can work against you and cause greater levels of unhappiness.



+ A friend—we'll call her Pollyanna, for reasons that will become obvious—is unrelentingly positive. She's the happiest person I know. Except, according to her, she is often unhappy. Since she knows happiness is not just a good thing but is also good for her, she wants to be happier. So she works hard to be happier. In her own words, she's focused and driven and almost consumed with being happier. Which makes her less happy.

+ **Prioritize positivity, not happiness**

A 2020 study published in The Journal of Positive Psychology divided participants into two basic groups: People who valued happiness: Happiness valuers agreed with statements like, "I am concerned about my happiness even when I feel happy;" and, "If I don't feel happy, maybe there is something wrong with me." They also agreed with statements like, "I see myself as failing in life when feeling depressed or anxious."

People who prioritized positivity: Positivity prioritizers agreed with statements like, "I structure my day to maximize my happiness;" and, "I look for and nurture my positive emotions." The result? The people who valued happiness, who expected to be happy, tended to struggle when faced with negative emotions. They felt like failures. On the other hand, people who prioritized positivity saw negative emotions as a part of life.

+ **Prioritize future happiness**

Back to the study published in Emotion. Research shows that seeking to increase your level of happiness "in the moment" is more likely to result in a decrease in feelings of well-being. The key? Prioritizing behaviors in the moment are likely to lead to future happiness, helping others, exercising, working to achieve a long-term goal. Building habits that make you healthier, wealthier and wiser.

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Zbigniew J. Sadowski
- Torrington
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- West Hartford
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Loretta T. Dumas
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Orlando, FL
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OBITUARIES

Georges, Katholiki



Katholiki Georges, 83, passed away peacefully on December 23, 2021. Katholiki was born on February 16, 1938, in Vati, Rhodes, Greece to Athanasios and Maria Pelekanos. After marrying Stelios Georges in 1960, they came to America to find the American dream. Stanley and Kathy went on to own and operate K & S Luncheonette in Hartford, Silver Lane Diner in Manchester, and Frank & Lin Pizza in Rockville. Katholiki was happiest spending time with her children and grandchildren in Connecticut and Florida and loved traveling to Greece. Katholiki was predeceased by her husband Stelios. She is survived by her children Mark Georges of Enfield and daughter Maria Kostidakis of Ormond Beach, FL, four beautiful grandchildren Christina Georges, great granddaughter, Sky of Enfield, Katie, Perry, and Eleni Kostidakis of Ormond Beach, many nieces and nephews in America and Greece. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. Visitation will take place on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 between 10 -11 a.m. followed by the Funeral Service at 11 a.m. at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Hartford, CT with Rev. Dr. George Zugravu officiating. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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Willette, Janice (Ellsworth)



Janice Ellsworth Willette passed from this earth on December 23, 2021 peacefully at home with her family's love and support. She was born on December 31st, 1945, to Bill and Betty Ellsworth, and lived a joyful childhood in Burlington CT. She graduated from Lewis S. Mills High School in 1963 and then began studying her life-long calling in Nursing. She married the love of her life, Don on February 15th, 1969, in Collinsville, Connecticut. It was love at first sight with Don and they had over 52 years together. Together they built a life in Orono Maine which brought them two wonderful sons, Scott and Andy. Jan's most precious gift of all was family, all the fun times with both her and Don's siblings and their spouses, her daughter in laws Kara and Nicole, grandchildren- Alex, Abi, Jack and Ella, nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, close friends, and the family dogs. Jan always felt blessed to have earned her RN diploma at Hartford Hospital School of Nursing and advancing her studies with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from the State University of New York and ending her professional studies with a Master's of Science in Nursing from Syracuse University in 1996. Jan proudly taught and impacted the nursing profession in Maine while teaching at Eastern Maine Community College for 30 years. Upon retirement she was honored by EMCC as Faculty Emeritus for the college of Nursing. Jan loved her church family and all the fellowship, services, and bible study times together. She especially enjoyed the fellowship of music, sharing her gift of voice and handbell choirs of the Orono United Methodist and Stillwater Federated churches. She also enjoyed playing the role of substitute pastor during vacations for Stillwater Federated Church during the summer for the past several years. Her passions of soap making, and crafting were where she gladly passed time. She especially loved working on crafts for the church fair with her beloved hubbie, spending quality time together with their creations. Her most recent hobby was making her own unique greeting cards for family and friends. A service to celebrate Jan's life will be held at the Old Town United Methodist Church at 726 Stillwater Avenue in Old Town, ME on December 30th, 2021 at 11am. There will be a reception immediately following for family and friends. Jan specifically asked that in lieu of flowers that any gifts be directed to the Jan Willette Annual Nursing Scholarship at the EMCC. Donations in Jan's honor can be done online or sent to: Eastern Maine Community College Attn: Erica Hutchinson- Dean of Advancement. 354 Hogan Rd. Bangor, ME 04401. <https://www.emcc.edu/emcc-foundation/emcc-foundation-scholarships/> Live, Love, and LAUGH!!!!

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OBITUARIES

Barker, Robert T



Robert T. Barker, 73, of Manchester, CT passed away on December 18, 2021, with his family by his side after a two-year courageous battle with cancer. Robert dedicated his life to public service. He was a distinguished member of the Manchester Fire Rescue EMS Department for nearly 40 years, serving 29 years as a firefighter and 10 years as Deputy Chief & Fire Marshal. He was recognized in 2001 as Firefighter of the Year and won a distinguished service award in 2006. Robert loved Manchester and always said his job was, "to keep the residents of Manchester safe." Robert was born April 19, 1948, to the late Barbara and Charles Barker. He graduated from Cheney Technical High School and worked as an electrician for four years before becoming a member of the Manchester Fire Rescue EMS Department. During his career he served as President of Local 1579 IAFF for four years, Board Member of Manchester Municipal Federal Credit Union, member of CT Fire Marshals Association, Capital Region Fire Marshal Association, CT Fire Chiefs Association, Town of Manchester Building and Safety committees, the Dutch Fogarty Independence Day Celebration committee, Manchester Elks Lodge #1893, and was a lifetime member of The Hundred Club and the International Association of Arson Investigators. Robert was always involved in his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren's lives. He was active in PTO organizations, founded the soap box derby program in Manchester and was New England Regional Director of the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. Robert was a car lover and owner of two antique cars. He always participated in Cruisin' on Main, served as Chairman, and was named Cruisin' on Main's Volunteer of the Year in 2018. He was an antique toy collector and was affiliated with the A.C. Gilbert Society. Robert is survived by Linda Barker, his wife of 28 years who he always said, "was the love of his life" and marrying her was "the best thing that ever happened to him." He leaves his daughter Kimberly Natale and her husband Nicholas of Windsor Locks; his daughter Terri Jurewicz and her husband Francis of Vernon; a stepson Gregory Layok (Kimberly) of Chicago, IL; two sisters Susan Barker of Vernon, Carol Barker of Windsor; a brother Scott Barker of Stafford; the mother of his children, Elaine Villano of Orlando, FL; his sisters-in-law, Marjorie Doolan and Debbie McDonald of Danbury and Kathy McDonald of Southbury; as well as many special nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his Aunt Nancy Olsen with whom he was very close and a dear friend Charles Smith. Robert was also the proud grandfather of six grandchildren, Nicole Natale-Lombardo (Ben), Joseph Natale (Jacki), Jessy Jurewicz (Frances), Katelyn Barker, Zachary Jurewicz, Andrew Jurewicz and 11 great grandchildren, Connor, Chloe, Alexandria, Olivia, Jose, Giovanni, Jace, Abriella, Joseph, Gia and Luca. The family would like to extend a special thank you to his kind and caring oncologist, Dr. Jessica Clement and her equally amazing APRN Colleen Brown. They fought hard to keep him with us for two years after his initial diagnosis. For that, we are very grateful. After their retirement Linda and Robert spent time traveling and enjoying their favorite spot, Brewster, MA on Cape Cod. Even though his life was cut short by his bout with cancer, he still left his entire family with a mountain of treasured memories that will live in their hearts forever. - 143 - Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, from 5-7 pm. A funeral service will be held at Bolton Congregational Church, 228 Bolton Center Rd., Bolton on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at 11:00 am, with burial to follow at East Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either the American Cancer Society or Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS, 75 Center St., Manchester, CT 06040.



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Kaval, Janice (Sliva)



Janice (Sliva) Kaval, of Coram, NY, passed away on Monday, December 20, 2021, in Long Island, New York, after a brief illness. She was the beloved wife of Sam Kaval. Born in 1945, she was raised in Newington and was the daughter of the late John and Adele (Smolensky) Sliva. Upon her graduation from college, Jan moved to Long Island, NY. She is survived by her sister Joan Sliva Briggaman, sister-in-law Ellen Horowitz, nieces, grandnieces and a grand-nephew, and many cousins. Jan was a graduate of Newington High School, Class of 1963. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in reading from CCSU, and worked for the Smithtown Central School District. She taught third grade, was a reading consultant, and retired as the Assistant to the Superintendent. She served as president of the Brenton Woods Condo Two Association and for years, was president of the Brenton Wood's Homeowner's Association. She served as president of the New York State Reading Association. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, traveling, and cruising, and was very active in various quilting organizations. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 626 Willard Ave., Newington. She will be laid to rest in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. The family kindly requests that face masks are worn by all guests. Memorial donations may be made to the John and Adele Sliva Young People's Literary Series, c/o Lucy Robbins Welles Library, 100 Garfield, St., Newington, CT 06111 or to your local diabetes association. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington, is serving the family. To share your sorrow with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Grinvalsky, Jean



Torrington- Jean Grinvalsky, 79, died Saturday, December 18, 2021, at Regal Care Center of Torrington after a long illness. Jean was born in Torrington on February 21, 1942, daughter of the late James and Julia (Tomala) Grinvalsky. She was a retired employee of Traveler's Insurance Company in Hartford, retiring with 37 years of service. Survivors include a brother, Richard Grinvalsky of Morris; a sister, Diane Leary and her husband, Bill, of Port St. Lucie, FL; three nieces, Kelly Leary of FL, Allison (Leary) Wheeler of MA, and Juliana (Grinvalsky) Swank of VT; and a nephew, Jake Leary of CA. Services and burial in Hillside Cemetery, Torrington, will be private. Gleeson-Ryan Funeral Home, Torrington, is in care of arrangements. To offer an online condolence, please visit gleesonryanfh.com

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Holliday Jr. , Henry Ishmel



Elder Henry Ishmel Holliday Jr., 66 of Windsor, CT, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, December 20, 2021. Henry was born on May 20, 1955, son of the late Henry and Rosetta (Amos) Holliday, of Sumter, SC. He leaves to cherish his memories, his devoted and beloved wife of 35 years, Dawne (Gentles) Holliday; beloved children, Tishanna and her fiancé Nathaniel, Brittany, Demetrius and Cordell; loving grandchildren, Camden and Christian; six sisters, and three brothers, and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church members. Henry was preceded in death by three sisters. Funeral services will be held 11am, Thursday, December 30, 2021, at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor. The family will receive friends prior from 10am-11am. For complete obituary, online condolences and to attend the service remotely, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Jones, Eunice (Craddock)



Eunice (Craddock) Jones was born on March 19, 1937, to the late Roy Craddock, II and Elizabeth (Grimes) Craddock of Eufaula, Alabama. Eunice was predeceased by Luda Edward Jones, Sr. and her beloved son, Luda Edward Jones, Jr., and now leaves two daughters, Michelle Jones-Williams (Gregory) of Columbia, South Carolina and Monique Y. Jones (Kevin) of Hanover, Maryland, and brother Roy Craddock, III of Manchester, Connecticut, five grandchildren (Ryan Jones, Kohlbi McPhail, Wynter Williams, Kevin A. Jones, Jr. and Edward A. Jones), four great grandchildren (JaSaun, Jilani, Alexia, Alejis), and a host of family and close friends to cherish her memory. Eunice's faith in God the Father, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirt was unshakable. Those that knew Eunice are living testimony to her faith-filled life.

A memorial service will be held January 8, 2022 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1154 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, Connecticut, 06002 at 1:00pm.

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Naraine, Rohan J



Rohan J. Naraine, 64, of Hartford, transitioned peacefully on Saturday, December 18, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. Rohan was born on June 4, 1957, in Hartford, CT, son of the late Jagath and Esther (Thomas) Naraine. He leaves to cherish his memories, his sister, Seeta Parkinson of Hartford; three brothers, Steven Naraine and his wife Jill of Windsor, Krishna Naraine of Bloomfield, and Vishnue Naraine of Hartford; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. Funeral service will take place at the Carmon Community Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave. Windsor, CT on Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 6pm. The family will receive friends prior from 5pm-6pm. For the complete obituary, online condolences and to attend the service remotely, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Tyszk, Robert J



Robert "Bob" Tyszk, 85, of Hartford, CT, passed away peacefully Sunday December 19th, 2021. Robert was born in Hartford, CT on August 11th, 1936. He graduated from Central Connecticut State Teacher's College and the University of Hartford. He taught for 37 years as a guidance counselor for Jr. High School, High School, and Adult Education in Hartford. He was an avid golfer and lived in Orlando Florida for the last years of his life. He is survived by his beloved wife Diana, his son Todd and wife Yvette and their daughter Zoe. He is preceded by his parents Vincent and Kazimiera Tyszk, brother Albert and his wife Dorothy. The family will have a private gathering to celebrate his life. There will be no calling hours.

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Betancourt, Lucy Mary



Lucy Mary “Ann” Betancourt of Rocky Hill, CT, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2021. She was born on February 13, 1933, in Hartford, CT to the late Joseph and Clara (Gesuelle) Spadorcia. She graduated from Hartford Public High School. Lucy worked first in tobacco fields, then at G. Fox & Company on Main Street in Hartford, and finally at the Travelers Insurance Company, from which she retired. Lucy was a long-time member of the Young Italian American Ladies Auxiliary of Wethersfield. She was predeceased by her former husband Carlos J. Betancourt. She was also predeceased by her brothers James, John, and Joseph Spadorcia as well as her sister Margaret Vaccaro. Lucy leaves behind to celebrate her life her daughter Linda Betancourt of Rocky Hill, with whom she made her home for many years, son Gregg Betancourt and grandson Jordan, son Mark Betancourt and wife Marianela, granddaughter Dr. Marci Carrasquillo and her husband Dr. Andrew Flannery of Philadelphia, PA, and grandchildren Joseph, Sarah, and Olivia Betancourt. She also leaves behind a very special sister-in-law Amparo (Judy) Vazquez, and sister-in-law Consuelo Bermudez-Lebron, as well as several nieces and nephews. Lucy was a very kind, loving, and generous person, young at heart with a great sense of humor, and always fun to be around. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Family and friends are invited to call on Tuesday (December 28, 2021) from 9 to 11 AM at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St. Rocky Hill. A funeral service will follow at 11 AM in the parlor. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

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Ryerson, David G.



David G. Ryerson, of Clinton, passed away on December 19, 2021 at the age of 86. He was born on November 15, 1935, in Hartford, CT, the son of Ellen B. and Alvah J. Ryerson. A beloved husband for 60 wonderful years together, David is survived by his wife Katherine, his daughter Andrea (Ryerson) Wolf and husband Mark of Clinton, son Ross Ryerson and wife Gloria of Crossville, TN, his grandchildren Brandon Ryerson and wife Kimberly, Zachary Wolf and Alexandra Wolf, his step grandchildren Brianna Orasco, Haley, Sean and Colin Kells-Murphy, and great-grandchildren Mattis Orasco and Eloise Ryerson, sister-in-law Barbara and her husband Dennis Connolly of Madison, cousin Paul Leppert of Wethersfield, and many nieces and nephews. David was employed as an accountant at Chesebrough-Pond’s in Clinton for 28 years and was a member of Pond’s Quarter Century Club. He later worked at Town & Country Auto in Middletown, and then Benny’s in Old Saybrook when he retired. He graduated from the Morgan School in 1953, and went to Stone’s Business College, in New Haven. Serving in the U.S. Army and a member of the CT National Guard, as a U.S. veteran he toured Pearl Harbor in 1989 to pay his respects.

An accomplished tenor saxophone musician, David played with shoreline bands, including the Dan Vece Sr. Ensemble (his favorite) at the Griswold Inn, Elk’s Club, and at many local wedding receptions. Among his many interests, he was an automobile and aviation enthusiast, he enjoyed photography, as well as cultivating and sharing his delicious blueberries and his beautiful red canna bulbs and flowers, many of which can be spotted in the summertime throughout Clinton, as he gave many bulbs away free and was happy share them. He was “Dave of all trades” and could fix/repair almost anything. David was a very kind, generous and humble man who will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in David’s memory to the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department-Ambulance Division, and Connecticut Hospice in Branford, CT. Funeral services will be privately held. David’s family wishes to thank the wonderful doctors and nurses who cared for him. To share a memory of David or send a condolence to his family, please visit: www.rwwfh.com. Arrangements are in the care of the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home in Centerbrook.

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Wolf, Peter W.



Peter William Wolf, 79, of Canton, Connecticut, passed away on December 21, 2021 after a brave battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis. He was born on September 11, 1942 in Simsbury, where he lived and worked most of his life. He was drafted into service for the U.S. Army in 1964. He was so proud to serve his country and always carried a strong sense of patriotism. After the Army, he returned to Simsbury to raise his family. He moved to Canton in 1994. As a master mechanic he could diagnose and fix anything. The more complicated the problem, the harder Peter worked to find the solution, and he always did. He enjoyed working with his brother at Dynamic Auto of Canton and was a long-time employee of Avon Old Farms School before his retirement. He was also a talented carpenter, a helpful handyman, a true jack-of-all-trades. There was seldom a person who crossed his path that he didn’t help in one way or another. Peter gave freely of his time in the community. He enjoyed being part of the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department, the American Legion, and the Lions Club. He loved the Boston Red Sox, the UConn women’s basketball team, and a good Sunday NASCAR race. He prided himself on his green thumb. He is predeceased by his brother, David and sister, Susan. He is survived by his brother, Roland Wolf of Windsor, by his son, Kevin Wolf of Maine, and by his daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, Darrell Russell of East Granby. He leaves behind three nephews, and his pride and joy grandchildren, Erin and Nathan Russell of East Granby. Being their Papa put a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. His family extends sincere appreciation to his neighbors, friends, the VA Connecticut Healthcare System (especially their Palliative Care team), the Masonicare Hospice Care unit, and Amberwoods of Farmington for their dedication, care and support.

His family welcomes friends to join them in celebrating Peter’s life on Thursday, December 30, 2021 from 10:00AM-12:00PM at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center at 301 Country Club Road in Avon. A memorial service will follow the calling hours. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Veteran to Veteran Volunteer program through The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, P.O. Box 70 Wallingford, CT 06492. To share a memory or condolence message with Peter’s family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Buell, Anne C (Clifford)



Anne Clifford Buell, 92, passed away peacefully on November 23rd, 2021, at her home overlooking the ocean in Chamberlain, Maine. (Sonia) Anne was born on August 27, 1929, in Minneola, NY, to Hedwig Lustig and Edward L Clifford. She attended Holton Arms, Wheeler School, Katherine Gibbs, Hartford College for Women, and graduated from Smith College in 1980 at the age of 50. Anne was married to Wallace Buell III for 57 years, and they raised three children in Windsor, CT.

Anne and Wally sold Windsor in 1983 and enjoyed adventures during the next 23 years such as sailing the Caribbean, enjoying their home on the water in Connemara, County Galway, Ireland, winters in Tucson, AZ, and their home in Hyde Park, VT. Wally predeceased Anne in 2006, at which time she built a house on the water in Chamberlain, ME and continued her annual visits to Connemara.

Anne loved to travel, riding horses in Montana, kayaking in Alaska, traveling by barge through France, exploring Australia, feeding baby elephants in Africa, and caring for orphans in Romania. She also played golf & tennis and enjoyed long walks.

Anne was a serious writer and belonged to several writer’s groups, most notably the Clifden Writer’s Group in Ireland, with whom she continued to write and publish until her death. She also mentored a prison writer’s group in Brunswick, ME as well as volunteering at The Gathering Place supporting the poor and homeless. Her final gift was to support the settlement of an Afghan family in Hartford, CT.

She is survived by her son, Clifford Avery Buell and daughter-in-law Eileen, her daughter Lily Fessenden and son-in-law Glenn Ritch, and her daughter Lisa Buell and son-in-law Rick Rouleau; her grandchildren - Jesse and Todd Ritch, Alex and Emelie Buell, and her 5 great-grandchildren - Esmae, Talise, Nahla, Timmy and Ellie. She is also survived by her 2 beloved nephews, Mark and Hal Clifford, and her “second son,” David Lowe.

Anne will be remembered for her indomitable spirit, positive outlook, and enthusiasm for life. A memorial in Chamberlain and burial in Morrisville, VT will both occur in June 2022. Donations may be made to <https://www.ilosangeles.org/actnowforafghanallies/>

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Karch, Lois C.



Lois C. Karch of Manchester passed away on Friday, December 17, 2021, with her family by her side.

A New Year’s Day baby, Lois was born in Manchester, daughter of the late George and Hilda Rauchle. She was a lifelong resident of Manchester, attended local schools and retired from the Town of Manchester in 1995. She was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Manchester. In addition to spending time with her family, Lois enjoyed visiting local casinos and the Connecticut shoreline to dine on seafood. She also loved to travel, with Walt Disney World being her favorite destination and visited almost yearly with her family. She enjoyed all holidays, but especially Christmas. Lois was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Joseph I. Karch and her daughter, Pamela C. Karch. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Anthony Botti of Manchester; her cherished grandchildren, Denise Botti, Allyson Botti, and Nicholas Botti; and several nieces, nephews and their families. In addition to her parents, husband and daughter, Lois was also predeceased by her brother, George Rauchle Jr. and sister, Lorraine (Rauchle) Cropley. The family would like to express their gratitude to Helping Hands Home Care of Bolton, CT for their kind and compassionate care. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at the Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester, CT from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm with burial to follow in the East Cemetery. To leave a memory or message of condolence please visit www.holmeswatkins.com

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Silvergleid, Paul



Paul Silvergleid devoted husband, father and grandfather passed away peacefully at the age of 92 on December 18, 2021. Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY from humble beginnings, he lived his last 70 years in Glastonbury, Connecticut becoming a successful entrepreneur and building a strong foundation for his family. After attending Brooklyn Tech, he met the love



of his life, Lucy Silvergleid (Nestrunk) and they were married in 1952. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953. After the birth of their first daughter, Paul and Lucy moved to Glastonbury, CT to manage Franklin Pharmacy which his father had bought the year earlier. In the 50s and 60s Franklin Pharmacy was a central fixture for Glastonbury where locals could get all their essential needs and meet at the cafeteria for camaraderie. During this time Paul became active in the Glastonbury community and was influential in defining the town as we know it today. He was a Town Council member from 1959-1964 and Town Chairman from 1965-1971. He was awarded Man of the Year, Glastonbury 1974. And Jr Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Young Man, in 1960. In the 1970s Paul became involved in State Politics. In 1971 he was appointed as the Chairman of the Commission of Special Revenue by the Connecticut governor creating the first lottery after approval of legalized gambling. Between 1976-1982 he became a consultant for several states gaming enterprises. He subsequently became Chairman of Development for Ladbroke Racing Company and oversaw the acquisition and management of racetracks in the US. During his free time, Paul loved to play golf and was a long-time member of Wethersfield Country Club. He also loved visiting his grandchildren in California and would go out yearly with Lucy to spend time with them and enjoy the sunshine. Paul leaves behind his beloved wife of 70 years, Lucy Silvergleid (Nestrunk), daughter Arlene Silvergleid Bumb and her husband Stephen Bumb of Huntington Beach CA, Grandsons Kevin Baumb, Jeffrey Bumb and Eric Bumb and daughter Karen Silvergleid of Manchester, CT. His parents Samuel Silvergleid, Doris Silvergleid (Davidson) and sister Alice Fogarty preceded him in death. Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury will have visiting hours if you’d like to pay your respects to Paul on Monday, January 3rd from 4-6pm. A memorial service followed by the burial will occur on Tuesday, January 4th at 12:00 pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com



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Bogaski, Andrew Charles



Andrew Charles Bogaski, 93, of Hartford, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at his home. Born in Hartford on April 7, 1928, son of the late Helen (Bogaski) Francolini, he was a lifelong resident of Hartford. After graduating from high school, Andy attended St. Thomas Seminary and studied to become a Roman Catholic priest. After a



year, he left the seminary to serve in the US Army and was stationed in Japan after the conclusion of World War II. Andy was later transferred to South Korea and fought during the Korean War until he was honorably discharged in 1951 as a Private First Class. He returned to Hartford and took a position with the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation in the 1950’s and worked for over 30 years until his retirement. Since his baptism at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church in 1928, Andy’s central focus in life was always his faith. As a young boy, he became an altar server and faithfully served Masses every weekend, during funerals, weddings, and Holy days. His service to the church as an altar server spanned over 80 years and also included many years as a Eucharistic Minister and as a Lector. Andy also belonged to the SS. Cyril & Methodius Church Men’s Club and participated in many events within the life of the parish. Proud of his Polish heritage, Andy was a long-time member of the Polish National Home of Hartford where he spent many years as a member of the Board of Directors and as an active volunteer at the club. He leaves a brother, John Joseph Francolini of Old Lyme; four nieces and nephews, John C. Francolini and his wife Yvonne of Long Island, NY, Lisa Francolini-Felton of Newington, Debra Ghirlanda and her husband Romano of Marlborough, and William Robinson and his wife Amy of Louisville, KY; nine great-nieces and great-nephews, Ian and Drew Robinson, Corina Jo Muir, and Anthony, Ava, Joseph, and Ella Francolini, and Alexander and Vienna Ghirlanda. Besides his mother, he was predeceased by a brother, James Francolini; a sister, Kathy Robinson; and a sister-in-law, Theresa Francolini. His family will receive friends on Wednesday, December 29, 10-11 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, 61 Popielusko Court, Hartford. Entombment will follow in the Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery Mausoleum, Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, 55 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford, CT 06106. The family has entrusted the Waszkelewicz South Green Memorial Home in Hartford with the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Krivickas, Dora L. (Lamagna)

Dora (Lamagna) Krivickas, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2021. She was born in Thompsonville on February 21, 1923 to Maria (Moschetti) and Ferdinand Lamagna. Dora lived a full, happy, eventful life, excelled in sports and enjoyed vacationing in Cape Cod with family and friends. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed cooking gourmet meals for family and friends. Dora was a faithful communicant of St. Francis of Assisi Church in South Windsor. She leaves her husband Albert (Al), her devoted daughter Patricia (Pat) Allery, her son Robert E. Whitney, Jr. and her devoted daughter-in-law Concetta (Connie) Whitney. During her illness, Dora was provided special, loving care by Connie, Pat and her beloved granddaughter Priscilla Whitney. Dora also leaves her beloved grandchildren Joe Prete (Yamira), Steven Prete (Danielle), Chris Whitney (Priscilla), Alex Whitney (Lillian), Elliot Whitney and his fiancée Caitlin Wilton. Dora was predeceased by her sisters Florence McCracken (Stanley), Amelia Hottin (Harold) and her brothers Pat, Pete and Carl Lamagna. Dora enjoyed weekly luncheons and shopping trips with her sisters and niece Cynthia (Cindy) Hottin. The Krivickas Family appreciates the compassionate care provided by the nurses and staff of Seasons Hospice, Bloomfield and Harbor Chase Nursing Facility in South Windsor. Funeral Arrangements will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, Enfield is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Powell, Nancy



Nancy Elaine Nearing Wallace Powell, 67 of Oakdale, and formerly of Colchester passed away Tuesday December 21st. She died with her beloved husband of 42 years, Ted by her side. She is predeceased by her beloved brother William Wallace (Nashville, TN) her mother and father, Violet and Edward Wallace (Glastonbury, CT)

along with her biological father Roger Nearing (Hartford, CT).

Nancy was born on August 10th 1954, and spent her childhood growing up on Diamond Lake in Glastonbury. She was second of seven children and is survived by her sisters Laurie Marione (East Windsor Ct, Russell Marione), Marion Noonan (Hebron, CT George Noonan), Janet Hood (Nashville TN, Charles Hood) and Peggy Bradley (Williamsburg MO, Cowboy Bradley). She has one surviving brother James Wallace (Nashville TN, Sharon Wallace).

Nancy went on to graduate from Glastonbury Highschool in 1972, and attended college at the University of Connecticut, first at the Hartford branch before transferring to the main campus in Storrs. She graduated with honors receiving a bachelor’s degree in Political Science in 1976. Nancy would cheer on her beloved UCONN Huskies, never missing a game. She would gone on to work for the Connecticut Department of Labor of 37 years starting in September of 1980, rising to the ranks of Supervisor before retiring in September 2011.

Nancy loved travel, covering most of the United States with Ted in the RV, even going as far as to visit her mother’s family in Nova Scotia. She had a passion for Genealogy which she shared with her sisters, and together they had uncovered much of her family lineage. She was a proud member of the Daughters of the American revolution, and spoke often of her family’s history in this country.

Nancy had a love of reading, instilling that love in her children Kris, Ted, and Mart. In addition, she loved to bake and spent every holiday season recreating the recipes of her mother.

Nancy is survived by her husband, her children Kristina Elaine Donihee (Enfield, CT Anthony Donihee), Theodore R. Powell IV, (Oakdale, CT) and Martin E. Powell, (Norwich, CT). She is also survived by her grandchildren, who knew her as simply Nana, Chloe Elaine, Violet Elizabeth, Richard Edward, and Maureen Leigh Donihee.

A graveside service will be held for Nancy on Tuesday December 28th at 11:00 am in Salem Green Cemetery, 260 Hartford Rd Salem Connecticut. To share a memory please visit, www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com

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Hetzel, Robert C.



Robert C. Hetzel, 87, of Manchester, CT passed away on Monday, December 20, 2021 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Robert was born in Kane, PA. He was the son of the late John E. Hetzel and Mabel (Richards) Hetzel. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Patricia (Sommers) Hetzel, his daughter Sara (Hetzel) DeForge and her husband Colin, his oldest sister Joan (Hetzel) Schmidt and her husband Fred, his youngest sister Tamar (Hetzel) MacFadyen, his sister-in-law Maria Hetzel, 10 nieces and nephews and their extended families.

He is predeceased by his father John, his mother Mabel, his brother Donald, and his son Alexander Markwell Hetzel.

Robert graduated from Rockville High School in 1952. He attended Yale University School of Chinese in order to qualify as a specialized interpreter for the United States Air Force in 1956. Bob left the U.S. Air Force approximately four years later and entered the Air Force Reserves until 1963.

Robert enlisted in the United States Army. He received the Army Reserves Components Achievement Medal in 1983. He received the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service in 1985. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1986.

Bob worked at Traveler's Research Center in Hartford CT and finished up his career working for the State of Connecticut: administrator, editor, and then grant editor. After retirement, he enjoyed working for nurseries. Upon moving to Manchester and buying their first home, Bob and Pat developed an organic, self-sustaining garden. Bob said it took him 20+ years, but he "finally figured it out". For 12 years, Bob volunteered on the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission. Bob and Pat are also lifetime members of the Manchester Historical Society. He was a self-taught photographer, focusing in portraits, landscape, and nature photos. Photography was his passion.

Bob was kind hearted and generous, and always willing to help. He is missed dearly by those whose hearts he touched. "Stay Warm and Dry"

Calling hours will be held at Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM with services to follow at 11:00 AM, Burial to follow at Hillstown Road Veteran Cemetery in Manchester, CT.

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Rivosa, Doris (MacNeely)



Rivosa, Doris (MacNeely), 91, died peacefully on December 22, 2021. She was the wife of the late Joseph V. Rivosa with whom she shared 54 years of marriage, raising their children in South Windsor, CT. Born in Hartford, CT on November 22, 1930, daughter of the late Joseph and Frances (Dixon) MacNeely, Doris was raised and educated in Manchester, CT. Doris owned and operated Arnoldeens-Cache in Manchester for over forty years. Her store evolved from a clothing boutique to a shop offering fine antique furnishings for the home. She had a creative hand in designing holiday wreaths and floral decorations. Doris had many loyal customers who became friends, especially Rose Viola and Iris Fuentes. Her shop was a popular spot to find the perfect gift. Doris was a parishioner of St. Bridgets Church. Besides her business, she enjoyed gardening, antiquing, music, and most of all, dancing with her husband. Doris will be deeply missed by her three loving daughters, Ellen (Rivosa) Cipolla and her husband Richard, Nancy Rivosa and partner John Bender, Joanne (Rivosa) Terragna (late husband Frank), Grandchildren Lindsay (Terragna) Karr and husband Drew, Nikki Terragna and fiancé Joey Olszewski, Frank Terragna and partner Ashley Faber, Alexandra Cipolla and husband Brian James. Great Grandchildren Ava Karr, Max Karr, Ellie Karr, and Dominic James.

She is also survived by sister-in-law Myrna Rivosa. Doris was predeceased by her brother Harold MacNeely and sister-in-law Marguerite, sisters Barbara Blanco and brother-in-law Peter, Mayellen Davis, Arlene Saltzman and brother-in-law Merv, brother-in-law John C. Rivosa, along with dearly loved nieces and nephews.

For those that knew her kindness and most positive outlook on all things in life, she will be greatly missed. She is now putting the finishing touches on heaven, the moon and the stars.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Bridgets Church, 80 Main Street, Manchester, CT December 30, 2021 at 11:00 AM with burial at St. James Cemetery, Broad Street, Manchester, CT. There are no calling hours. A Celebration of Doris' life will be held in the Spring.

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Briggs, Roberta E. (Wallace)



Roberta Elizabeth "Bobbie" (Wallace) Briggs, 91, of South Windsor, wife to the late Harold Briggs, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Thursday, December 16, 2021. Bobbie was born on May 17, 1930, in New Britain, daughter to Arthur and Ruth (Hattings) Wallace.

Bobbie traveled the globe where she lived and made many dear friends in Southampton New York, Virginia, Maryland, Iran, Italy and Florida before finally coming home to Connecticut to settle. She will be remembered and missed by all who knew and loved her.

Bobbie is survived by her loving children, Thomas Parry and his wife Pamela, Timothy Parry and his wife Patricia, John Parry and his wife Suzanne, Lisa Ibsen and her husband Kurt Whitmore, Farah Briggs, Harold Briggs, Jr. and Anthony Briggs; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; her sister Janice Prior as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her son Scott Parry, her daughter-in-law Karin Parry and her brother Jonathan Norris.

A Celebration of Life service will be celebrated on Friday, January 14, 2021, beginning at 11 a.m. at the First Church of Windsor- Congregational, 107 Palisado Ave., Windsor. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home is in care of her arrangements. To leave an online message of condolence for her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Cassarino, Jennie P. (Vasquez)



Jennie Paula (Vasquez) Cassarino, 97, of Old Lyme, beloved wife of the late Santo John Cassarino, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 19, 2021, at the Marlborough Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Hartford on June 24, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Angelo and Concetta (Ficara) Vasquez. She was a graduate of Bulkeley High School in Hartford and worked and retired from G. Fox & Co.

Jennie will be forever missed by her three children, Santo Cassarino, Jean Roberts and partner Kareem Ghobrial and Joan Coughlin and husband Kevin. She also leaves several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Lucy Gionfriddo. Jennie was a former member of the Young Italian American Association and the Junior League. She was the oldest original member of the Miami Beach Association, where she enjoyed spending days on the beach with her circle of friends that were like family. She was always ready for a game of scrabble or cards and enjoyed listening to Italian music. She had so many special people in her life that loved to visit her and appreciated her kindness, hospitality and mostly her humor.

Calling hours will be Tuesday (December 28) from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 p.m. at the Parish of Saints Isidore and Maria (St. Paul Church), 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury. Masks are required for all services. Burial will be in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Donations in Jennie's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. To share a memory of Jennie with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Taylor, Brent



On Monday, December 20, 2021, Brent Taylor, loving husband and father, passed away at the age of 80. He was the beloved husband of Sandra Taylor. There will be no funeral services as Brent requested. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Brent's name to the Old Saybrook Rotary Club, P.O. Box 1125, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 www.osrotary.org To view Brent's full obituary, share a memory of him, or send a condolence to his family please visit www.rwwfh.com Arrangements are in the care of the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home in Centerbrook.

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Weidl, Joseph W



Joseph W. Weidl, 91, of Enfield, beloved husband of the late Evelyn (Mendick) Weidl, passed away on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital. Born in Hartford, CT on March 16, 1930, he was the son of the late Joseph and Florence (St. Jean) Weidl and grew up in Hartford. Joseph joined the US Navy and served during the Korean War before being honorably discharged in 1953. While at a USO Dance, he met and fell in love with Evelyn, the love of his life. After his time in the Navy, they moved to Enfield where they enjoyed 67 years of wedded bliss until Evelyn's passing in 2018. Joseph worked for United Technologies as a Mechanical Engineer for many years before retiring and going to work for Chandler Evans for 6 years. Joseph was a longtime communicant of Holy Family Church and was a member of the VFW Post in Enfield. Dancing was Joe and Evie's favorite pastime. They were incredible dancers and loved to attend area dances. Neighbors would even see them dancing in the back yard from time to time. A man of many talents, Joe was an inventor and won many awards at his work. He was very creative and would spend hours in his wood shop refinishing furniture. Joe's biggest accomplishment, however, was his family and friends. He was truly rich with family and friends and loved by all. His sense of humor, easy laugh and big smile will be remembered by all.

Besides his wife, Joseph was predeceased by his brother, Douglas Weidl. He leaves 3 children, Patricia Bessette and her husband David of Rockville, MD, Shelley Weidl of Bowie, MD, and Michael Weidl of Glastonbury; his "Little Buddy", grandson Michael Bessette of MD; and several nieces and nephews.

His family will receive friends on Wednesday, December 29, from 9-10 AM at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd. Enfield, with a Service starting at 10 AM. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Hazardville Cemetery. For online condolences, please visit www.leetestevens.com

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Nicknair, Geraldine Roy



Geraldine (Roy) Nicknair (Geri), 87, of South Windsor, CT, beloved wife of the late Ivan D. Nicknair, passed peacefully in her home on Wednesday, December 22, 2021. She was born in Eagle Lake, Maine, daughter of the late Leo P. and Yvonne (Thibodeau) Roy. Geraldine remained in Eagle Lake, until moving to Hartford, CT after graduating high school. In 1956 she was married to the love of her life, Ivan "Nick" Nicknair, and together they settled in South Windsor, where they raised their family. She was a woman of great faith and a member of St. Margaret Mary Church in South Windsor. She took great pride in her family, which meant the world to her. She cherished family get togethers, and her grandchildren. A kind, caring, loving, and devoted mother, sister, grandmother, and great grandmother she will be dearly missed. She leaves her daughter, Debra Cortese and her husband Salvatore of Franklinton, NC; her daughter Gail Nicknair and her partner Matthew Richards of East Granby; and her son, Brian Nicknair and his wife Katherine of Enfield; her brothers, Roger Roy and his wife Pril of Thailand, and Peter Roy of AZ; her sister, Connie Cyr and her husband Valmon of NJ; her brother-in-law, Jack Parsons of Coventry; her grandchildren, Gary Forghetti Jr. and his wife Danielle of NC, Holly Forghetti and her partner Brian Ehrenfeld of NC, and Gabrielle Nicknair of Enfield; two great grandchildren, Brayden and Kendall, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Michael D. Nicknair, and her sister Cathy Parsons. Calling Hours will be held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, from 5-7 p.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, 12 Noon meeting directly at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Rd., South Windsor. Burial will follow at Wapping Cemetery in South Windsor. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Robidoux, Doris (Chassey)



Doris Ilene (Chassey) Robidoux, widow of Conrad R. Robidoux, passed away on Monday, December 20, 2021. She was a resident of West Hartford for over 50 years. Doris was born in Brockton, MA on January 1, 1920, the daughter of Lillian and Clement Chassey.

Doris retired from Hartford Hospital in 1982. She was a member of St. Brigid Church and the Ladies Guild. She leaves behind her beloved family, daughters Patricia Caron of Mystic, CT and Julie Boscarino and husband Thomas of Surfside Beach, SC; grandsons Adam and Eric Huffman, Jonathan Christopher and wife Jill and Nicholas Christopher. She also leaves behind her very special great-grandchildren Benjamin and Sydney Christopher.

Doris was also blessed with loving nieces and nephews, Gail Doherty, Betty Howard, Kathy Gosselin and Cynthia and Joseph Wilusz and many dear friends, especially Sister Nancy McNamara and Sheila Donahue. Doris was predeceased by her sister Marie Howard, and her nephews Brad Howard, Jack Howard and Jean Paul Gosselin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, (December 30), 12:00 pm at St. Brigid Church, West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Brigid Church, 1088 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110, the American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0602 or to a charity of donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Shea, Kristin Elizabeth



Kristin Elizabeth Shea passed away unexpectedly at her home in East Windsor, CT on Thursday December 16, 2021, at the age of 51. She was born on December 4, 1970, in Hartford, CT. Her mother, Laurie Woods Littlehale, is originally from Suffield, CT and now resides in Sebring, FL. Her father, Richard Shea, is originally from Windsor, CT and now resides in Alton, NH.

Kristin grew up in East Granby and graduated from East Granby High School. She attended the University of Connecticut before relocating to North Carolina, where she earned her Paramedics certification from Pitt Community College. She spent several years serving as an EMT in both North Carolina and Connecticut, until recurring back issues drove a change of career. At that point, she became a dental assistant and worked with several dental offices in central CT. Kristin loved animals and volunteered her time at animal shelters in both Connecticut and North Carolina. She had an extraordinary voice and sang at various events for friends and family. She was an avid reader and enjoyed hiking and camping.

In addition to her parents, Kristin is survived by her stepmother, Carole Shea, who supported her in countless ways, her brother Richard and his wife Rachel, and fiancée James Connelly, her love and soulmate who complemented her life. She also leaves a niece Kaela Shea and many aunts, uncles and cousins from the Woods, Littlehale and Shea families, including special aunts Francis Leonard and Dianne Minukas.

A celebration of Kristin's life will be held this coming Spring, time and place to be announced. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home is in care of her arrangements. In Kristin's memory, memorial donations may be made to The Connecticut Cat Connection, 40 Stevens Mill Rd., Windsor, CT 06095. To leave an online message of condolence for her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Stewart, Shelton John



Shelton John Stewart, known to most as John, passed peacefully into eternal life on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. John was born on May 16, 1953 in Brooklyn, NY. John is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Patricia Stewart, who made their home and raised their daughters on Coventry Lake. John was a proud Dad, to Kelly Stewart, her partner Carey Paterson, Catherine, her husband Johnathan Arbo, and Kristen and her husband Anthony Krapf. His only grandchild Ethan Paterson, was his little buddy. He is also survived by his sister, Deborah and her husband Robert Nickerson, brother in law Robert Gordon, and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and in laws. John was predeceased by his parents Shelton and Catherine Stewart, his siblings, Martin (and wife Mary Jo) Stewart, Mary Gordon and Timothy (and wife Patricia) Stewart.

John was active in the Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council 4313, and the Fourth Degree St Jude Assembly 138. He served the town of Coventry for many years as a member of the Town Council, School Building Committee, and various other boards. When he wasn't in a meeting, he enjoyed a good road trip, NASCAR, antique car shows, and spending time with his girls. He and Catherine loved to share their weekly Thursday's with Pa adventures, that took them on quests to places near and far, but often to Chen's for "the only good egg rolls". This Christmas will look a little different without our own Macy's Santa Helper here on earth, but we will treasure all of the memories for years to come.

Relatives and friends may join the family on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 between 4pm-7pm at the Coventry-Pietras Funeral Home, 2665 Boston Turnpike, Coventry, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 11am at St. Mary's Church, 1600 Main Street, Coventry, CT. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Coventry, CT. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Coventry Knights of Columbus, Shelton Stewart Memorial Fund-c/o David Imhof 28 Armstrong Rd. Unit B9, Coventry CT 06238. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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Champagne, Monty Robert



With sorrow the family announces the passing of Monty Robert Champagne, known by many as Bob, of West Hartford CT, on April 13th, 2020, from complications of COPD, at the age of 84. Monty's greatest joy was his family, and he will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father, stepfather and grampy. He is dearly missed by his



wife Karin of 32 years; two daughters, Denise Champagne and her husband Sean Bailey, and Deborah Champagne; Two stepsons, Merrill Keefer and wife Megan, and Erik Keefer and wife Stacy. He leaves seven grandchildren, Ali, Myra, Jason, Kevin, Jack and his wife Taylor, Nicholas, and Leigha. He leaves his brother Raymond, and was predeceased by two brothers, Arthur (Champ), and Donald. Monty raised and sold Arabian horses and delighted in watching his daughters ride in shows all over New England. Another joy was traveling to Europe with his beloved wife Karin and spending their winters in sunny Florida. Bob served in the US Navy from 1953 to 1963, while serving he led the navy band, and played the saxophone. Throughout his life Bob was known for his kindness, compassion, and humor. The funeral was private, burial was at Fairview cemetery. Loved by all that knew him, gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.

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Dawson, Richard T.

77, of Venice, FL, originally of Middletown, CT. Please visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com for full obituary. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Novotasky, Edward J.



Edward J. Novotasky, 84, of Manchester, the husband of Marjorie (Dinsmore) Novotasky died Thursday, December 23, 2021 at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown. Born in Hartford, he was the son of the late George and Stella (Plaza) Novotasky. Ed was a US Army veteran of the Korean War, a communicant of St. Bridget Church and recent active member of the ALS association. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters Cheryl Stanley and her husband Jim of Glastonbury and Helen Berry and her husband Brian of Manchester; and his grandchildren Ashley Seaton of Florida and Jenna Stanley of Glastonbury. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, December 30th at 9 am at St. Bridget Church 80 Main Street, Manchester followed by burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Glastonbury. Family and friends may call at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home 219 West Center St. Manchester on Wednesday, December 29th from 5-7 pm. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Association at www.als.org. For online condolences please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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Viggiano, Margaret B.



Margaret B.(Peggy) Viggiano, beloved wife of the late Carlo N. Viggiano, died peacefully at her home on December 19, 2021, surrounded by her family. She was born January 16, 1925, the daughter of the late Nora Mae and Clifford Brooks of Moodus, CT. In addition to her husband, Margaret was predeceased by her brother, Donald Brooks of Old Saybrook. She is survived by



her daughters, Candy Marien of Westbrook and MaryEllen Viggiano of Niantic, and her very special granddaughter, Cory Marien of Columbia. Family and friends may visit Swan Funeral Home, 1224 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, Tuesday December 28, 2021 from 5 PM - 8 PM. Funeral services will be at St. John's Church, Old Saybrook at 11 AM, Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Contributions can be made to the charity of one's choice Old Saybrook Ambulance Service or to St. John's School in Old Saybrook. Services will be under the direction of Keenan Funeral Home, North Branford. To read the full obituary or to leave an tribute or condolence please visit www.keenanfuneralhome.com.

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Washington, Jo-Ann



Jo-Ann Washington, 75, of Hartford, beloved wife and best friend of William H. Washington, passed away on Sunday, December 19, 2021. In addition to her loving husband, William, who has an ache in his heart with her passing, she leaves to cherish her memory, her children, JoAnn Washington Brooks and her husband George, Lorraine



Wilkins, William Washington, Jr. and his wife Margaret, Cathy Washington, Rene Washington and his significant other Valerie Devorse, Darryl Schaeffer, Mark Washington and his wife Janet, Maurice Washington, Marcel Washington, and Michael Washington; her sister, who she was very close with, Beverly Owens and her husband John; her brother, Timothy Oates; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, other relatives, and dear friends. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Robert Washington; and her siblings, Daniel Oates, Jr., Jean Alexander, and Sandra Oates. Her family will receive friends on Thursday, December 30, 10-11 a.m., with a Celebration of Life, 11 a.m., at Sanctuary of Faith & Glory, 752 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery, Bloomfield. To read the full obituary please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Wood, Deborah (Dodge)

The Memorial Service for Deborah (Dodge) Wood scheduled for Thursday, December 30 has been postponed until a later date and time in 2022 when everyone can gather safely. The D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, East Hartford has care of the arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoeoh.com.

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Dumas, Loretta Theresa

Loretta Theresa Dumas, 94, wife of the late Robert (Bob) Dumas, of Hartford, passed on December 22, 2021, at Hartford Hospital. She was born in Hartford on May 3, 1927, to the Late William and Clara (McQuade) Kelley. She was a Life member of the VFW Post 9929 Ladies Auxiliary, Hannon Hatch, in West Hartford. She is survived by her son Russell Dumas of Hartford, CT and daughter Janet Baker and her husband Joseph of Hartford, CT, as well as grandchildren, Tony Baker and his wife Kerry, Timothy Baker and his wife Sarah, Tabitha Anagnos and her husband Telly and Travis Dumas. She is also survived by her Great-Grandson John Joseph Anagnos and Great-Granddaughter Theresa Janet Anagnos (her namesake). Loretta was predeceased by her daughter Nancy Dumas, brother Edward Kelly and sisters Rose Judd, Eleanor Godden and Marguite Balboni. Loretta's niece and husband Barbara and Brian Murphy remained a consistent in her life and spoke to her frequently. Family friend Valerie Anne Fusco saw Loretta frequently during family events and helped with her care during the past year.

Funeral Services for Loretta will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at 10:00 AM at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Family and friends may call on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Loretta will be lovingly laid to rest in Mt. Saint Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, following her service. In lieu of flowers Memorial Donations will be accepted in her name to: Meriden Humane Society, 311 Murdock Ave., Meriden, CT 06450. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net



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Dunston-Crawford, Edythe



Edythe Dewarner Dunston-Crawford, affectionally, known as "Dee" and "Wannie", 75 of Bloomfield, CT gained her heavenly wings on Sunday, December 19, 2021. Edythe was born on August 1, 1946 to the late William and Doris Dunston in Stamford, CT.

Edythe leaves to cherish her memory her four children and seven grandchildren.

A wake will be held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at Bethel (Stamford) A.M.E. Church located at 150 Fairfield Ave, Stamford, CT from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Edythe's celebration of life will be Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at Bethel(Bloomfield) A.M.E. Church, 1154 Blue Hills Ave, Bloomfield, CT at 11:00am with a calling hour from 10:00am - 11:00am. Interment will be held at Maple Grove Memorial Park, 44 Harvester Road, Trumbull, CT 06611. To leave a message of comfort for the Dunston-Crawford family please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com



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Marti, Kenneth G.

Kenneth G. Marti, 90, of Manchester, beloved husband of the late Dorothy L. Marti, died Saturday December 18, 2021. Born in Newark, New Jersey December 8, 1931, he was the son of the late Gottfried and Maurine Marti.

Ken was raised in Arlington, New Jersey. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1956. In 1957 he married Dot and settled in Manchester in 1961 where they raised their four children. Ken was an engineer for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft for 33 years until his retirement in 1992.

He is survived by his children Louisa Marti of Manchester, David Marti and his wife Kathy Banas Marti of Windsor, Douglas Marti of Manchester and Patricia Marti and her husband James Gray of Cambridge, MA; his grandchildren Katherine and Kristen Marti; and Emily, Isabella and Thomas Gray; his sister Joan Uht and his brother J. Bruce Marti; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the nurses, aides, and staff at Brookdale South Windsor for the support and care given to Ken while a resident there. They especially want to thank his aide, Lawrence, for the outstanding care, compassion, and companionship provided to their dad over the past 3 ½ years.

Family and friends may call at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center Street, Manchester on Wednesday, December 29, from 11:30-1:30, followed by burial in East Cemetery, Manchester. For online condolences please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or the Appalachian Mountain Club.



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Sadowski, Zbigniew J



Zbigniew J. Sadowski, 72, of New Britain, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at Hartford Hospital with family by his side. Born January 1, 1949 in Sosnowiec, Poland, he was the son of the late Stanislaw and Daniela (Walenza) Sadowski. Zbigniew came to the US in 1983 and resided in Hartford

and Newington where he raised his children, and living more recently in New Britain. He retired from the W. Hartford Public Schools in 1997 after 13 years of service.

"Grandpa Z," as he was affectionately called by his nearby grandchildren, never missed an important event, and will be most fondly remembered for his Friday nights of pizza, pierogi, and Polish chocolates. He is survived by his children, Dorota Venditto and husband Nicholas of Southington, Adam Sadowski and wife Holly of Cromwell and Dan Sadowski and wife Nicole of E. Longmeadow, MA; he leaves his five grandchildren; Joseph, Caitlyn and Jacob Venditto and Alexander and Nicholas Sadowski. He also leaves a brother, Waldemar Sadowski and his family of Poland; two sisters, Elzbieta Sadowski and Ilona Skrzypek and husband Jerzy all of Poland; a niece Iwona Skrzypek and a nephew Jarek Skrzypek also of Poland.

A memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 10 a.m. at St. Dominic Church, 1050 Flanders Rd., Southington. Burial will be private. The DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthington.com

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OBITUARIES

Jastrzebski, Jason Burrell



Jason Burrell Jastrzebski, 42, of Cromwell, CT, died unexpectedly at his home on December 22, 2021. Jason was a devoted partner to Cecelia Abedi, father to two French Bulldogs, Oscar and Zoey, and one cat named Oliver. Jason was born in Boston, Massachusetts on June 28, 1979, and grew up in Marblehead, MA. He attended Tower School (Marblehead, MA) and St. Mark's School (Southborough, MA). He was the son of the late Marjorie Denise Jastrzebski and Mario T. Jastrzebski.

In addition to his partner Cecilia, Jason is survived by his father, Mario Jastrzebski; his sister, Abigail DeRosa and her husband Jeff DeRosa and nephew, Hunter DeRosa, all of Swampscott, MA and stepmom, Angela Sullivan of Salem, MA. Additionally, he is survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Jason found his passion in the mortgage industry, most recently leading and mentoring a team of mortgage originators at CrossCountry Mortgage in West Hartford, CT. Jason was an avid fisherman, finding peace while at sea. He loved with all his heart and will be missed dearly. Carpe Diem.

Family and friends are invited to attend calling hours on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, from 1 to 4pm and 5 to 8pm at the John J. Ferry & Sons Funeral Home, 88 East Main St, Meriden, CT 06450. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 10am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT 06119. Everyone is asked to meet directly at church. Additionally, a Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to a charity of your choice. For online condolences please visit jferryfh.com.

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Kaplan, Leah (Maskowsky)



Leah (Lee) Kaplan passed away peacefully on December 22, 2021 at her home in West Hartford. She is the daughter of her beloved parents, Anna and David Maskowsky of Ashley Falls, Massachusetts, and sister of Muriel Ketay, formerly of Concord, North Carolina. Her father owned the Collins Diner in Canaan and Farm Crest Dairy of Torrington, and she adored joining him on his milk delivery routes and waiting on customers in the historic rail car diner. Her mother Anna was a teacher at age 17 and later owned Anna's Dress Shop in Winsted, Connecticut and Leah fondly recalled their trips into New York City to select merchandise for the boutique. She loved spending time at their cabin on Highland Lake.

Leah was born in New Haven in 1932 and grew up in Torrington. A graduate of Torrington High School, Leah enjoyed orchestra, basketball and softball and was a majorette and played the accordion. It seems there was nothing she couldn't do, from home design projects to her talents in painting and famous holiday brisket. She holds degrees in education from Central Connecticut University, and the University of Hartford, earning a Master's degree at a time when that was uncommon for women.



Leah was an elementary school teacher in Torrington for most of her distinguished career. She was a caring and dedicated teacher who reached the most difficult students and had a stellar reputation among her peers. She was recognized as Torrington's Educator of the Year and was an active member of Alpha Delta Kappa and the Connecticut Education Association. Leah took immense joy and pride in teaching, always going above and beyond to organize special events like a cotillion dance and metric fair, coaching basketball, and more. She loved hearing from former students as they became adults and left an immeasurable legacy as an educator.

Leah was a talented painter who loved art, music, and was a volunteer at cultural venues including the Warner Theater and the Farmington Valley Arts Center. She was the past president of the Farmington Woods Women's Club, a group of women who brought her much joy. She loved reading (including reading the Hartford Courant every day) and trying to solve mysteries. She was warm, funny, and kind, always putting others she cared about, and strangers, first and modeling this example for her children and grandchildren, who have followed in her footsteps in service to others. She was quick to perform a skit, don a costume, or exhibit her boundless joyful spirit in countless ways. After retiring from teaching, she lived and made many friends at Lakeridge in Winsted, Farmington Woods in Avon and the McAuley in West Hartford.

Leah was predeceased by her husband Jerome (Jerry) Kaplan. She was the proud mother of Shelley Nickles (John) of Arlington, Virginia; Robyn Kaplan-Cho (Doug) of West Hartford, Connecticut; and Alanna Kaplan Muñoz (Pablo) of Maplewood, New Jersey. She will be dearly missed by her beloved grandchildren Hannah, Cammie and Grace Cho, Kealani Nickles, and Ceci and Sadie Muñoz. She also leaves her nieces, Ilene Kent, Joanne Applebaum, and Susan Kent. Leah will be missed too by countless friends and former students.

We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to her angel nurse, James, at McAuley, the Farmington Valley VNA, and St. Francis Hospital for their compassionate care. Donations in her memory can be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

A memorial service will be held at Congregation Beth Israel (701 Farmington Ave, West Hartford) on Monday December 27 at 1pm. For the safety of those who wish to honor Leah, guests must be vaccinated and masks are required. There is ample room for social distancing in the large and beautiful sanctuary.

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Shettle, Richard W.



Richard W. Shettle, 93, of Glastonbury, Connecticut and formerly of Hartford, peacefully passed away on December 20, 2021 at home. Born July 16, 1928 on the East side of Hartford, son of the late Thomas A. and Josephine (Janak) Shettle. He was a graduate of St Peter's Grammar School, and Hartford Public High School, Class of 1946, serving on its Athletic Advisory Committee, and was chosen as the King of the Junior Prom. While in High School he worked at various part-time jobs including picking tobacco, shining shoes, YMCA locker room attendant, and usher at the State Theater. All of which he enjoyed doing very much. Upon graduating high school, he immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on the Heavy Cruiser U.S.S. Macon until honorably discharged in 1948. Through the benefit of the G.I. Bill, he was able to attend the UConn branch at Four Trumbull in New London and subsequently at the main campus at Storrs, both as a commuter student, graduating with a dual major in Government and Education in 1952. In 1951, while a Junior at UConn, he was blessed to be able to marry his High School classmate, Simone Cloutier (Deceased), which he shared with her for 48 wonderful years until her death in 1999. Upon graduating from UConn in 1952, he was admitted to the night class at the UConn Law School. While attending Law School he worked in the Aenta Life Contract Division and subsequently at the Travelers Insurance Company, as a claims adjuster, which he truly enjoyed.

Besides his parents he was predeceased by his wife, Simone Shettle, his son, Kenneth B. Shettle, and by his brothers, Joseph, Thomas, William, and sister, Jule. He is survived by his son, Gregory R. Shettle, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, his granddaughter Amanda Beaulieu and her husband Nelson, and his great granddaughters, Meadow and Autumn, all of Wilmington, North Carolina. He also leaves his loving nieces and nephews, all of whom he cherished, and many dear friends. He also leaves his beloved companion and very good friend for many great years, Geraldine Webster, and he always said how lucky he was, aside from his family, to have had two great loves in his lifetime. After graduating from the UConn Law School in 1956, he began a solo practice of law in Hartford. His interest in politics led him to an appointment in 1966, as an Assistant Corporation Counsel, for the City of Hartford. In 1971 he was named the first full time Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel, a position he didn't seek. In 1976 he was appointed by the Court of Common Counsel as Corporation Counsel for the City and in 1976, the Interim City Manager. His time with the City of Hartford offered him the opportunity to defend the interests of the City in many notable lawsuits and trials. I.e. Hartford Hospital Fire, Collapse of the Civic Center roof, and representing the interest of the Hartford Civic Center administration. He retired from the City in 1993. In 1994 he was appointed by Governor Lowell Weicker, Victim Compensation Commissioner for the Office of Victim Services to assist in reducing the services backlog of hearing requests. He always found time in a very busy schedule to remain one of the most active supporters of the University of Connecticut athletic programs. He was a member of the UConn Club Board of Directors for 33 years, served as Club President for two terms, and was involved as a newsletter writer, organizer, and fundraiser. He was a true Husky loyalist for 73 years, including being a season ticket holder in basketball (men's and women's), football, soccer, and hockey since 1952. He always said that he never met a person that he didn't like, and that he lived a full and happy life. He treated everyone with respect and dignity, greeted them with a smile on his face, and truly cared about people. He was a devoted Catholic and a communicant of St. Dunstan's Church and always thanked the Lord for the blessed gifts he received. He was a long time member of the Glastonbury Hills County Club and enjoyed playing golf with his buddies, although he was "never much of a golfer" (those are his words).

Friends may call on Monday December 27, 2021 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Naubuc Avenue, Glastonbury. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday December 28, 2021 at 10:00 am in the Church of St. Dunstan, 1345 Manchester Road, Glastonbury, Connecticut with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery on Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, Connecticut. The Shettle family would like to thank Richard's APRN, Lina, for her attentive and dedicated care and his aides, Kay and Pamela, for their dedication and compassion. To extend condolences, please visit Farleysullivan.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the UConn Foundation for Athletics, Storrs, Connecticut or to a favorite charity of the donor's choice. For further information, or to leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com.

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Gilchrist, Gale M (Kibling)

Gale died peacefully on October 12, 2021 surrounded by her children. Funeral services and interment of ashes will be held at 10 am on December 28, 2021 at the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill, NC.

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Turner, Jr., Lorenzo



Lorenzo Turner, Jr., 70, of Springfield, MA entered into eternal rest on Thursday, December 16, 2021 surrounded by his family. Lorenzo was born on February 1, 1951 to the late Lorenzo L. Turner, Sr. and Marie Turner in Hartford, CT.

A celebration of Lorenzo's life will take place on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 1:30pm with a visitation from 12:00pm - 1:30pm at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service, 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To leave a message of comfort for the Turner family, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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In Loving Memory Of
ANTOINETTE GELSOMINO 'TONI' COIRO
March 3, 1931 – December 28, 2018

On the third anniversary of your departure
We love and miss you more than ever.
You are in our hearts and minds forever.

Val and all your family

In Loving Memory Of
MAUREEN R (REIDY) DERBY
09/04/1935 - 12/27/2006

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment
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Songwriters: Jackson Jill, Miller Seymour

-The Hours turned to Days
The Days had turned into Months
The Months gave us Years
And the Years have brought us tears...
You will always be in our Hearts. ~sf

In Loving Memory Of
ELIZABETH W. GIBSON



08/16/1922-12/26/1993

Merry Christmas Heavenly Angel. Your beautiful memories and eternal light will forever shine in our hearts. Thank you for watching over us, we love and miss you. Merry Christmas, Your loving Family.

In Loving Memory Of
LOUISE ROSE (ALEX) SEELEY



02/04/1927 - 12/20/2019

It's been two years since you left us and you are still very much missed. You are forever in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. We will always treasure the many memories of the wonderful times we enjoyed together as a family and we keep those memories close to our hearts forever. Love the family of James Seeley and the Simoni family

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In Connecticut, roads are routinely built for speeds of 40 or 50 mph. Then after a high-profile fatality, cries goes out for flashing lights or pedestrian signs. MIKE CARDEW/TNS

State must fix roads to save pedestrians

By Norman W. Garrick

Why is it so hard for public officials in Connecticut to understand that speed kills? Other places are beginning to embrace the concept that the first rule for reducing pedestrian fatalities is to reduce speeds by designing low-speed roads.

In Connecticut, roads are routinely built for speeds of 40 or 50 mph, and then after a high-profile fatality, the cry goes out for flashing lights or pedestrian signs. There is no recognition that these are Band-Aids that do not address the underlying problem: The road design itself, with wide lanes and shoulders and highway-like fixtures, that causes the problem.

Putting speed limit signs or crosswalks on a road designed for 50 mph is not just futile, it is downright dangerous. It endangers not only pedestrians and bicyclists, but it also puts at risk the driver who tries the follow the law by stopping to let a person cross at the pedestrian crossing, as the new law requires. This law-abiding driver is at great risk of being rear-ended.

There is research to show how dangerous these high-speed, street-road hybrids are when pedestrians are brought into the mix. Let me give you an example of what I have confronted thousands of times going to work at UConn. I live in Storrs, a little under 2 miles from the UConn campus. I almost always walk



A student walks in the crosswalk at South Eagleville and Eastwood roads Dec. 8 where a UConn grad student was fatally struck. A memorial for Nhuong Nguyen is in the foreground. CHRISTINE DEMPSEY/HARTFORD COURANT

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Judge has been paid \$350K since leaving job



Kevin Rennie

Whatever you gave or received this holiday season to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, it was nothing compared to the gift we continue to give Judge Alice Bruno. She's received more than \$350,000 in salary since she walked off the job on Nov. 14, 2019.

I first wrote about Bruno in November. Additional emails obtained by a request for documents from the Judicial Branch under the Freedom of Information Act reveal that judges wres-

Bruno continues to collect paychecks after two years, but does anybody care?

tled for years over how to solve the problem of Alice Bruno, long before she abandoned her duties.

“No plan is necessary to ‘get you on the bench!’ It is what judges do — they get on the bench and decide cases. In order to get on the bench though you must be at work,” wrote Chief Court Administrator Judge Patrick L. Carroll III in an email to Bruno. He described Bruno’s persistent truancy as an “abuse of office.”

That Oct. 12, 2017, email from Carroll lets Bruno know “we will be calling you to Hartford, again one day next week to discuss this serious matter which impacts the entire Judicial Branch ... Although it has been said time

and time again, I will say it again — you are required to be at work by 9 a.m. If you are going to be late you are to call Judge Taylor.”

Judge Taylor is Mark Taylor, who was the top judge in Waterbury at the time.

Bruno, who was nominated to the bench by former Gov. Dannel P. Malloy in 2015, concedes little in her emails to Carroll. She was being called to Hartford in October 2017 (“yet again”) because she had missed a meeting with Carroll when he went to see her. She knew his “visit was important.”

Bruno breezed over Carroll’s concerns by letting him know in that message that she and

Taylor had worked on a plan to get her on the bench. She added her thanks for assigning her “to Waterbury Family Court. I eagerly embrace the experience, look forward to continuing to develop my skill set, and to this opportunity to be of service.” It was not a success.

Two years later, Carroll reminded Bruno that she was to provide weekly lists of what she had done and what had not been completed. Bruno, according to Carroll, had failed to comply with this new plan, devised the month before. Bruno’s absence from a seminar for judges that she “would have benefited greatly” from was not Carroll’s only

admonishment of Bruno that day.

After four years on the bench, Bruno was reminded by Carroll that “you cannot ‘show up’ for work at 5 p.m. and expect to be credited for a full day of work by doing so.” Two months later, Bruno left. Her lawyer has said she has health issues and has not returned.

Two months after Bruno stopped showing up for work, Deputy Chief Court Administrator Judge Elizabeth A. Bozzuto told Bruno in an email, “It has come to the attention of this office that you have failed to render decisions in a number of cases

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OPINION

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't judge Glastonbury by a few bad apples

I take exception to the broad and myopic letter that appeared on the Opinion page of the Dec. 21 Courant. My husband and I moved into Glastonbury in 1986. We raised our children here. We have friends here. We shop here. We remain here because we enjoy what this town and its residents represent.

This is a suburban town with about 35,000 residents. Of that number, it appears there were about 2,500 petitioners, less than 10%, who wished to revert the Glastonbury High School mascot name back to the Tomahawks. Of that 2,500 it appears there were no more than 150-200 who actually attended that Dec. 14 Board of Education meeting. Of that number, there were two people who acted poorly. Please, do not judge this entire town by the actions of two people at a single meeting on a single evening. Doing so only magnifies the intolerance that has become more prevalent during these trying times.

**Jenny Rabinowitz,
Glastonbury**

Insight piece should have been labeled PR release

I have been a subscriber to The Courant for more than four decades and I have been dismayed at the deterioration of the quality and quantity of news over the last two decades. One of the most egregious examples is the lead article in the Insight section [Insight, Page 1, Dec. 19, "Pediatric Progress"] describing Connecticut Children's Medical Center and its research with UConn, Jackson Labs and Hartford Health Care.

I have the greatest respect for the authors of this article and the faculty and staff of these institutions. However, the article is written by members of Connecticut Children's and faculty of UConn, rather than a Courant reporter or columnist. In my view, that makes it a publicity release and should be identified as such. It's neither news or opinion. I would strongly encourage The Courant to cover the news and developments of our local health care institutions, but to not confuse self-reports with real reporting and opinion to make up for the decreasing strength of the paper's staff.

**Stephen L. Schensul,
West Hartford**

Comments by Proto reek of irony

I did a double-take after reading state Republican chairman Ben Proto's comment [Page 1, Dec. 18, "Senator defends presence at event"]. Apparently, the sponsor (Amistad Awards) has ties to an affiliate of the Communist Party. Inexplicably, he brings up the disgraced McCarthy hearings of the 1950s and explains "people's lives were ruined, simply because they had a friend who was a communist." Without a touch of irony, this comment comes after he disparages Sen. Richard Blumenthal for attending the event and implying he has communist sympathies.

**Helen Williams,
West Hartford**

Take UConn basketball news off Page 1

Enough already. Why does The Courant put UConn sports teams on the front page? I think the UConn women's and men's basketball teams are great fun to watch, win or lose. Let's keep sports on the sports page and world news on the front page. With everything that is going on in the world you would think that there is enough news to fill the front page. On the Dec. 20 edition, the bottom half of the front page was much more important than the top half.

Dave Krinjak, Manchester



In the worst days of the pandemic, when Connecticut's economy was shut down, the Department of Labor was overwhelmed with applications for unemployment benefits. Instead of the usual 40,000 benefit payments per week, applications peaked at 10 times that number. **COURANT FILE**

OP-ED

Overpayment of jobless benefits should be waived

Thousands may have received aid they weren't eligible for during the pandemic

By Peter Goselin

As 2021 and the gift-giving season draws to a close, there is one more present that Gov. Ned Lamont has the power to give: a gift that would help thousands of working people, dozens of Department of Labor staff, and the Connecticut economy. All the governor has to do is waive the (alleged) overpayments of some 13,000 people who received unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the worst days of the pandemic, when Connecticut's economy was shut down, the Department of Labor was overwhelmed with applications for unemployment benefits. Instead of the usual 40,000 benefit payments per week, applications peaked at 10 times that number. The Department of Labor website had to be changed to distinguish between applications for regular unemployment benefits and for federal benefits: Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUCL); Pandemic Emergency

Unemployment Compensation (PEUC); Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA); and Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC).

Most applicants had no idea which program they were eligible for, and phone help lines were so overburdened that they spent days trying to get answers.

As a result, after screening out fraudulent claims for benefits, the Department of Labor identified more than 13,000 applicants who might have been ineligible for as much as \$30 million in benefits. Prepandemic, a finding of ineligibility would mean that the applicant received no benefits at all, or was ruled ineligible in the appeal process a short time later. With the overloaded system, applicants received benefits and did not learn their claims were contested until a year later. Overpayments range from a few hundred to tens of thousands of dollars. In most cases, applicants were ineligible because they did not know the rules and could not find out.

In my law practice, I have a dozen clients who might have

overpayments for unemployment benefits. Like thousands of others, they applied for benefits due to a layoff, a temporary pandemic-related closure, or an employer going out of business. Some left jobs to care for family members. Some would ordinarily not be eligible for benefits because they worked as independent contractors, but became eligible — or thought they did — because of emergency federal relief legislation.

There is an appeal process and an individual waiver process. Some of my clients will be found eligible for benefits. Some will end up owing less than the total benefits they received. But they will wait months for hearings that determine whether or how much they have to pay back.

One of my clients has an overpayment notice for more than \$40,000. She became unemployed early in the pandemic and received benefits for 18 months. She was not notified that she was ineligible for benefits until after benefits stopped. An appeal hearing might find that she was eligible for benefits

all along. Meanwhile she and her family live under the shadow of a large, unintentionally incurred debt. A blanket waiver of overpayments will lift that shadow for her and for 13,000 other working people and their families.

To process these overpayment cases, state Department of Labor staff spend hundreds of hours reviewing cases, mailing notices, holding hearings and writing decisions. For all of them, a blanket waiver would mean catching up in a job that has been out of control for nearly two years.

Finally, a blanket waiver of overpayments means money going back into the economy as affected families breathe a sigh of relief and allow themselves to buy goods and services from Connecticut businesses still struggling due to the pandemic. For all these reasons, a blanket waiver of unemployment overpayments would be a welcome gift to the people of Connecticut.

Peter Goselin is a labor and employment attorney practicing in Connecticut.

Roads

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on a route that starts with the local street in my neighborhood. This road has no sidewalks but is designed so drivers rarely exceed 20 mph — it is 17 feet wide for two directions of traffic, and it is bendy with an uneven surface. It is so pleasant for people on foot that folks from surrounding neighborhoods come there to walk, and the E.O. Smith High School cross-country team uses it as a part of its practice run. The next section of my walk is on a multipurpose trail that was built about five years ago along a slightly faster local road (25 to 30 mph).

Then comes the big problem — crossing Storrs Road — State Road 195. I tend to avoid this crossing. And I suspect that many people avoid this crossing, but there are still many pedestrians, since this is the most direct way to downtown Storrs and to campus. The problem is that although there is a crosswalk and a flashing light, this crossing is almost always a hair-raising experience. I have measured the speeds on Storrs Road, and it averages about 45 mph and sometimes as much as 60 mph at this spot.

For many years, the speed limit on this stretch was 25 mph with clear signs indicating the



UConn researcher and graduate student Nhuong Nguyen, 28, was struck and killed by a car driven by a university employee near campus at dusk last month. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

presence of pedestrians — yet these signs were ignored. When you look at how this road was designed, the behavior of drivers is logical. This road has all the earmarks of a high-speed highway — wide lanes, a shoulder and highway-like guard rails. What is evident to drivers is not the signs, but the design that telegraphs speed. There are numerous other similar conditions in Storrs and around the state, including the now infamous South Eagleville Road where a UConn graduate student was recently killed.

It is way past time we start paying attention to how we design streets in Connecticut and to catch up with places like Washington, D.C., and Cambridge, Massachusetts, and to some extent, rural Vermont.

Pedestrian fatalities continue to rise at an alarming rate nationwide, but these are some of the places that are making progress by questioning the need to build roads that promote getting places fast. All too often in Connecticut we blame the individual as the cause of crashes. But in places

that have a high level of traffic safety, there is a recognition that the responsibility for road safety also lies in the hands of our lawmakers, our policymakers and the technicians who design roads that we now know to be dangerous.

Let's fix our roads in Connecticut by making real changes that move beyond the Band-Aids.

Norman W. Garrick is a professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering at UConn.

Rennie

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that you presided over in Bridgeport and Hartford ... Your failure to track these cases and render decisions on them is unfair to the bar, the litigants and your

colleagues on the bench."

Bruno's lawyer wrote last month that his client is seeking an accommodation for her undisclosed health condition. Carroll identified the problem more than four years ago when he told Bruno, "Though you write that you 'understand my concerns,'

you clearly do not because those concerns have been expressed to you before and the abuse of office has only intensified."

Leaders of the Judicial Branch are reluctant to admit that a judge is incapable of performing the job. They spent years enlisting other judges to help Bruno. They

overlooked egregious behavior. And they have allowed her to stay home for two years with full pay.

When court administrators identify an abuse of office by a judge, futile wishes are not the solution. The public has been paying Bruno for most of her tenure to upend the operation of

courthouses, penalize litigants and lawyers with chaos, or not show up at all, all while she gets closer to snagging a generous pension.

The cause of Bruno's behavior remains a mystery — and so does how she keeps getting away with it.

COMMENTARY

Pandemic numbers misleading without context

By Jim Downs
Los Angeles Times

Since the start of the pandemic, public health authorities have been fastidiously counting the number of people infected with the coronavirus. For both the medical profession and the media, these rising figures have been the principal way of framing the pandemic in the U.S.: “124,000 new cases a day,” “802,000 COVID deaths since February 2020.” But this information offers an incomplete picture of the crisis, potentially warping the public’s understanding in ways that could prolong the pandemic and even add to its toll.

What’s missing is the number of uninfected people and the number of infected people who survive COVID-19. That provides a denominator. If there were 124,000 new infections per day, how many people were exposed? If 802,000 people died from COVID, how many were infected but didn’t die?

Such information is the most underreported story of the pandemic. But it has long been an important piece of public health information. It advances our understanding of the nature of the disease; it hints at the power of precautions; and it can allay fears and trauma that people are experiencing about the seemingly never-ending nature of the pandemic.

Our reliance on numbers to understand epidemics can be traced to the development of epidemiology — when medical and scientific authorities had not yet uncovered how microbes caused the spread of infectious disease. Between 1755 and 1866, when epidemiology emerged, medical practitioners believed that environmental factors caused disease. Based on this inaccurate view, they had few effective metrics to understand the origins of epidemics. As such, they counted the number of unin-



Alex Honn, right, and Tokeya Berry prepare to test an individual at a drive-up coronavirus testing location on Dec. 21 in Bellingham, Washington. **ELAINE THOMPSON/AP**

ected and infected patients; the number who contracted a disease and the number who died; they examined those who were hospitalized and those released.

Statistics, and exploring the behaviors behind them, became a key component in epidemiological analysis because that’s all that health experts had — and it helped them craft treatment strategies.

In response to a cholera outbreak in India, William Twining, a British military doctor there, published an influential comprehensive volume on diseases in 1832. The treatise provided copious detail of hospital attendants who came into close contact with cholera patients and soiled linens but did not become ill. Had the text focused on people who became sick, a

reader might have been misled about the risk of the disease, or led to look for its causes in the wrong place. With context about the unafflicted, the study offered key evidence that cholera was not transmitted through direct contact.

It was another set of counterexamples two decades later that helped the young science of epidemiology to zero in on the culprit. John Snow, a physician in London, famously found the common denominator among cholera cases in an 1854 outbreak: Those who became sick seemed to all have drunk water from a pump in the center of a poor neighborhood. Cementing his conclusion was the fact that employees at a nearby brewery, which had its own pump, did not contract cholera.

Learning about the daily lives of these brewery workers led Snow to theorize that cholera was transmitted through contaminated drinking water. To understand how a disease spread, he was equally invested in the infected and the uninfected.

As epidemiology evolved, medical authorities continued to consider the uninfected by developing a new statistic: incidence rate or attack rate, which is still used today. This refers to the number of new infected cases within a specific period measured against the population. While epidemiologists tabulate this rate, the media does not typically broadcast it. Instead, we are inundated with infection and death rates. Reporting the number of infected is a numerator. We are missing the denominator.

A recent example shows why the missing denominator is important: This past summer, the media jumped on one of the first major outbreaks of breakthrough cases in Massachusetts. This provided epidemiologists with valuable evidence of how the delta variant infected many vaccinated people — but no one actually counted the number of people who were exposed but not infected. (To be fair, documenting exposure among uninfected people is more challenging.)

By focusing on the vaccinated who became infected, the media inadvertently gave the impression that the delta variant had superpowers. If it is super, it also has a weakness: the vaccines. That emerges if one counts the uninfected and looks at vaccination rates. A narrower focus risks overplaying the danger of the variant and underplaying the value of the vaccines.

Epidemiology needs to remember its roots and school the public.

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You can bet on a rise in addiction

By Timothy L. O’Brien
Bloomberg Opinion

Ben Affleck, the movie star and avid gambler who has struggled with alcohol addiction, is one of sports gambling’s most visible pitchmen. He’s center stage in a TV ad for the mobile wagering app WynnBET. “Let’s win together!” Affleck exclaims.

Aaron Paul, the actor who only played an addict in “Breaking Bad” and waved off hard drug use himself after seeing his girlfriend consumed by addiction, is a spokesman for Bet365, a sports wagering app. It has more than 63 million global users and offers newcomers a \$500 credit to join. “You need to ask yourself, why am I not a member of the world’s favorite sports book?” Paul asks in one ad.

Those who scroll through both these apps are offered sports betting mainstays — wagers on money lines, touchdowns, parlays, fight outcomes, total hits and other outcomes. At the bottom of the screen is this bit of advice: “If you or someone you know has a gambling problem and wants help, call 1-800 GAMBLER.”

Call me old-fashioned, but as sports betting enjoys a pandemic-fueled expansion across the country, shouldn’t we worry more about the possibility of a spike in gambling disorders? And isn’t it jarring that people who should know better are enthusiastically pushing this?

Based on historical data, only about 1% of adults in the U.S. have a severe problem such as compulsive gambling. Some 2% to 3% of adults have less severe problems; they’re not addicts, but gambling causes them financial and social miseries. Most people wager for fun.

The trouble is, those small percentages represent 6 million to 8 million people. And most academic and clinical studies of gambling disorders in the U.S. were undertaken when legal sports gambling was confined to Nevada, and backroom wagering with bookies wasn’t digital. The sports gambling boom that began three years ago after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Nevada’s monopoly, together with the accessibility provided by mobile devices and apps, mean that a significantly larger, and younger, share of Americans is at risk. It will take time for researchers to catch up with the current sports betting world and the troubles that may be visited on individuals and communities.

“We’ve been engaged in a massive cultural experiment with gambling, and we’re delivering gambling to America in ways that are unprecedented worldwide,” said Keith Whyte, executive director of the National Council on Problem Gambling, a research and advocacy group. “No one, at least from an addiction standpoint, has been able to look at what the impact will be on problem gambling.”

When mainstream corporations took over the gambling business decades ago, they were more disciplined than their organized-crime predecessors about analyzing which forms of betting were most profitable and most magnetic. Slot machines quickly displaced table games at the center of casino floors. The wealth of data that such machines could gather about what gamblers liked helped casinos make their games more lucrative and potentially more addictive. Apps and other digital gambling offerings are even more data-centric than slots and can be fine-tuned to capitalize on features that make



Customers watch a football game at a New Jersey casino. Over 23 million Americans bet on the Super Bowl in 2021. **WAYNE PARRY/AP 2019**

gambling compulsive, such as a faster pace of play, stimulating sensory feedback and frequent near-misses.

The Irish gambling company Flutter Entertainment doubled its revenue last year, thanks to many of its brands, but especially FanDuel, one of the most popular sports betting apps in the U.S. Flutter also purchased Sky Bet from Rupert Murdoch’s media company last year, and that is now the most popular gambling app in the U.K.

The New York Times recently reported that Sky Bet used its app’s data-profiling software to scrutinize one compulsive gambler’s betting history and favorite sports with such precision that it could essentially stalk and hook him — even when he was trying to quit. “They had taken his addiction and turned it into code,” a lawyer representing the gambler told the Times. Sky Bet told the Times that it didn’t target vulnerable gamblers and took “safer gambling responsibilities incredibly seriously.”

The British government, concerned about how quickly gambling has expanded in the digital era, is conducting a review of its 2005 Gambling Act, which loosened the country’s betting prohibitions. But now the government is examining whether the industry has since shed safeguards that once protected younger or compulsive gamblers. The U.K. has banned the use of credit cards for gambling, has limited sports betting advertising and is considering further marketing constraints. (Spain has similar restrictions; Italy banned all sports teams from pursuing sponsorships or ad partnerships with gambling companies in 2019.)

A parliamentary study of the U.K. gambling market published last year high-

lighted the large sums the industry spent on advertising and noted that most its profits came from a small number of problem gamblers. “The unscrupulous methods and ingenuity of some gambling operators makes for shocking reading,” the report said. “New games are constantly being devised, often highly addictive, sometimes with a particular appeal to children.”

Don’t expect a comparable review at the federal level in the U.S. With the Supreme Court empowering states to legalize and regulate gambling as they see fit, the onus is on states to monitor the industry.

Few guardrails exist. The use of credit and debit cards for gambling is permitted in the U.S., although some card companies won’t allow it. In Nevada, however, debit card readers sit atop gambling tables, and limits on the dollar amount and number of card swipes have been lifted. Digital innovations present a multitude of fresh challenges. Gamblers’ one-to-one relationship with their mobile devices, the use of push notifications, geolocators and information harvested from social media allow companies to tailor advertising to millions of bettors — with negligible outside scrutiny. Some gambling companies such as Entain PLC say they use the data they harvest to identify and cut off problem gamblers before their troubles worsen, but there’s no empirical evidence to suggest that is something operators routinely do.

In 2020, commercial gambling and sports betting enterprises paid \$6.7 billion in state taxes, yet little of this revenue is budgeted to track the prevalence of gambling disorders. Most research is funded by the gambling industry, which spends that money to help mitigate the fallout from rampant gambling — and burnish

their reputations. But the amount of information they share with outsiders is limited, leaving independent analysts struggling to assess gambling’s impact. “We’re completely unable to keep up, even with the forms of gambling we already know, much less new technologies,” said Whyte.

Whyte also noted that increased spending on gambling research and regulation, as well as greater assistance for gambling disorders, would make good fiscal sense: Analyses suggest that for every dollar spent treating gambling disorders governments would save \$2 on health-care costs.

States are embracing digital sports gambling even though it is a low-margin business for operators and generates less tax revenue than lotteries and brick-and-mortar casinos. In New Jersey, the country’s largest sports betting market, the wagering has brought in about 1/20 th as much tax revenue as the lottery and only a fraction of that from casinos. But those figures are likely to shift as sports gambling continues its march, especially if betting on the Super Bowl is any guide.

Last February, 23.2 million Americans bet about \$4.3 billion on the Super Bowl in what the American Gaming Association described as “the largest single-event legal handle in American sports betting history.” Approximately 7.6 million of those gamblers bet online, a 63% increase from 2020. The rush overwhelmed computer servers, leading to outages.

Some problem gamblers will be among the swarm that bets on the Super Bowl again in February. Ignoring this problem will carry costs for everyone involved.

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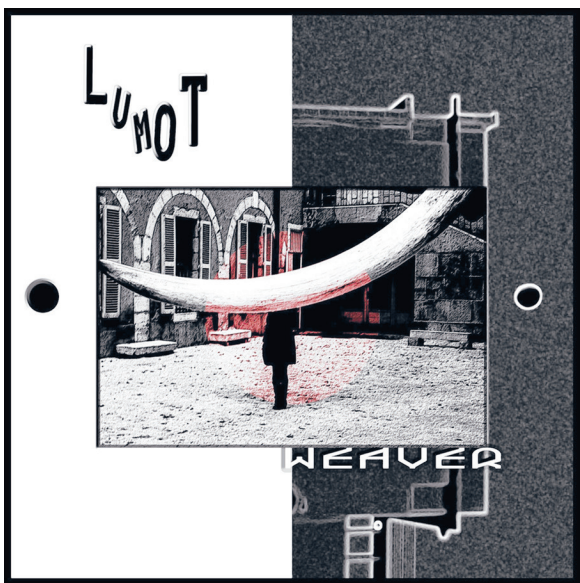
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Stout's "Anomaly." HANDOUT



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Our picks for Connecticut's TOP 20 ALBUMS of 2021

By Chip McCabe
For the Hartford Courant

The pandemic has put the brakes on a lot of things over the last two years, but one thing it wasn't able to stop was the abundance of amazing new music flowing from Connecticut in 2021. It was another banner year for the local music scene, whether it was lauded vets adding to their discographies or newcomers flipping the proverbial script, this year delivered a bevy of exceptional albums. All told, it made for one of the toughest years in recent memory to try and whittle down a best of list, so much so that we decided to key in solely on full-length

efforts. Here is our list of the top 20 albums of 2021, in no particular order.

Apathy's 'Where the River Meets the Sea'

One of Connecticut's most famous and prolific hip-hop artists, New London's Apathy, returned in 2021 with one of his most personal releases. The title of the album is not only a lyrical nod to his hometown but to the winding trails that life can lead you down, documented here through various introspective tracks. Filled with slick beats and even slicker rhymes, "Where the River Meets the Sea" is one of Apathy's smoothest records to date. apathy.bandcamp.com/

Audio Jane's 'A Terrible Plan'

Hartford-based atmospheric rock act Audio Jane is making a habit out of showing up on various year-end lists, and with good cause. Its brand of ethereal, grunge-inspired rock is as catchy as it is stylish. Led by the

serenely beautiful vocals of front woman Sarah Pech, "A Terrible Plan" once again highlights the foursome's penchant for writing wholly memorable songs that stick with you long after the record has stopped spinning. audiojane.bandcamp.com

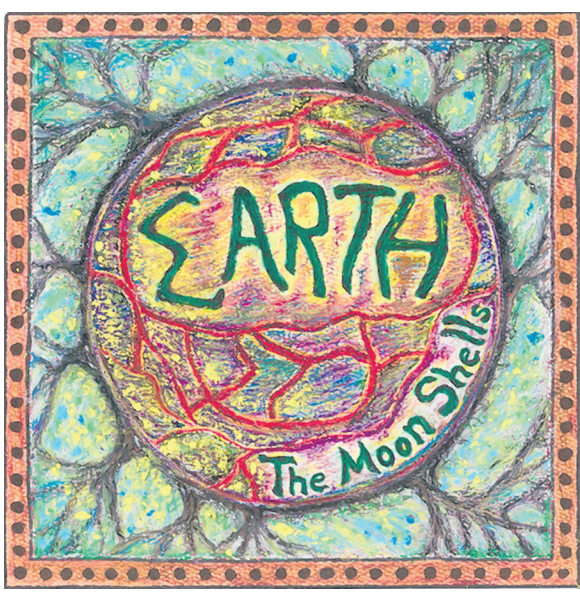
The Bargain's 'Hindsight:2020'

The members of New Haven's The Bargain would never call themselves a "super group," but within the confines of the Connecticut folk/Americana scene it's hard to classify them as otherwise. Made up of scene vets Frank Critelli, Shandy Lawson and Michael "Muddy" Rivers, The Bargain came together just before the pandemic and has been releasing a steady stream of new music since. "Hindsight:2020," the group's debut full-length album, is a fantastic amalgamation of influences from across the Americana pantheon, highlighted by impactful lyrics and a warm, soulful delivery. thebargain.bandcamp.com

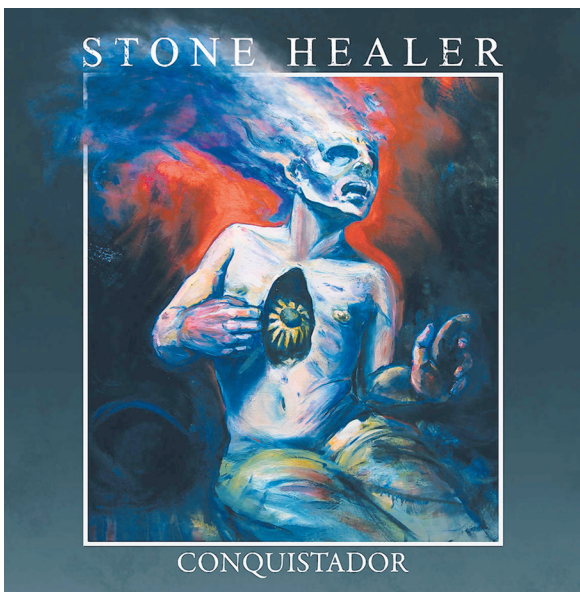
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Apathy's "Where the River Meets the Sea." HANDOUT



The Moon Shell's "Earth." HANDOUT



Stone Healer's "Conquistador." HANDOUT

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New Year's parties, Secret Cinema and improv comedy

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

It's party time, with a '90s party at Infinity Hall, a jam/funk mash-up at cafe nine and the wild New Year's bash that is "Die Fledermaus" at both Trinity-on-Main and The Bushnell, to name a few. The year is ending on a festive note, but please party safely.

Go bats

Connecticut Lyric Opera's

latest lush production, of Johann Strauss II's "Die Fledermaus" (often translated as "The Bat") can be found at two theaters this week, and the party's different each time, with guest artists singing and dancing and playing piano during the operetta's famed New Year's Eve party. Adrian Sylveen conducts the Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra. Dec. 26 at 6 p.m. at Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main Street, New Britain (\$35; ctlyricopera.org), then Dec. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Belding Theater in The Bush-

nell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford (\$43-\$92; bushnell.org).

Traditional Chinese dance

Shen Yun, the touring revue connected the Falun Gong movement, seeks to demonstrate Chinese culture as it looked before Communist rule. The show features dance, music, storytelling and big colorful

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A year-end Ceremony of Light will be held Dec. 30 at the Buttonwood Tree in Middletown. HANDOUT

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‘Peaches,’ ‘Drivers License’ hit right notes to land in year’s best

Associated Press

The best songs of the year, as selected by writers Gary Gerard Hamilton, Ragan Clark, Jonathan Landrum Jr., Kristin M. Hall and Mark Kennedy.

‘Peaches,’ Justin Bieber, featuring Daniel Caesar and Giveon: Bieber was not happy last year when his “Changes” album was categorized as pop rather than R&B. But “Peaches” not only doubled down on the R&B sound, but also became one of music’s most dominant songs, debuting at No. 1 on Billboard’s Hot 100 and topping the global charts.

‘Drivers License,’ Olivia

Rodrigo: Anyone who has ever had their heart broken will feel how Rodrigo, 18, feels on this aching Grammy-nominated hit. The power ballad broke the Spotify record for most one-day streams for a non-holiday song and spent eight consecutive weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100.

‘Industry Baby,’ Lil Nas X and Jack Harlow: The track was one of the biggest hits of 2021 and for good reason. It’s Lil Nas X’s victory lap. His choice to feature Harlow, who as a 23-year-old from Kentucky also feels like an underdog, allows the two to revel in the fact that they made it, against all odds. From

the infectious horns to the confidence oozing out of the verses and chorus, Lil Nas X is having fun proving doubters wrong.

‘Hurricane,’ Kanye West, The Weeknd and Lil Baby: With stellar production, the trio offer different perspectives of overcoming their own storms on the holy hip-hop track.

‘Serotonin,’ girl in red: The track from the Norwegian alt-pop singer-songwriter pulses along a frenetic pace that reflects the impulsive thoughts of a mind unable to rest. The verses escalate into manic thoughts of self-harm and a rapid descent into madness. It’s a raw,

unflinching inner look at that uncontrollable id part of our personalities.

‘To Be Loved,’ Adele: There’s a rawness to the track that is rare for the singer. The 33-year-old’s powerhouse vocals usually sound polished, but in this track, her voice teeters on cracking. Coming out of a divorce, Adele acknowledges on the song that there is strength in loving and strength in leaving.

‘We Win,’ Lil Baby and Kirk Franklin: Lil Baby is known for his street rap lyrics, while Franklin built his legendary career on gospel music. Despite their different musical approaches, they form a

strong duo on the inspirational “We Win,” a song from the “Space Jam: A New Legacy” soundtrack. Franklin served as the hype man with a choir singing background while Lil Baby rapped about how prayer ultimately brought him through during a time when he felt cursed.

‘Kiss Me More,’ Doja Cat featuring SZA: This blissful ’90s disco-pop throwback with a hip-hop heart earned three Grammy nominations. If you listen close, you’ll hear a Gwen Stefani-ish refrain but also an interpolation of Olivia Newton-John’s “Physical.” But don’t work too hard, just let this steamy, smooth song wash over you.

‘Lay It On Me,’ Mickey Guyton: The track is in that sweet spot of gospel and country that lets Guyton’s roof-shaking vocals soar from note to note. Written for her husband, Guyton is asking to carry his burdens and lean on her strength to carry them both through the fire.

‘Essence,’ Wizkid featuring Tems: Reaching No. 1 on Billboard’s R&B/hip-hop airplay and the adult R&B airplay chart, the sultry, melodic duet record was crowned by many as the song of the summer. “Essence” beckoned listeners to find their significant other — or prospective crush — and to get up and dance.

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Ceschi’s ‘This Guitar Was Stolen Along With Years of Our Lives’

When you see multiple people posting on social media that an album made them tear up you know you’re about to listen to something special. New Haven’s Ceschi Ramos has always been a songwriter that has worn his heart and life experiences on his sleeve, but his newest album is an emotional roller coaster that not even his longtime fans were completely prepared for.

Leaning hard into society’s collective mental and emotional turmoil over the last two years, and delivered through his trademark folk-tinged hip hop, Ceschi gifted us with a truly poignant album that was as emotive and introspective as any other you’ll hear from this year. [fakefour.bandcamp.com](#)

Nick Di Maria’s ‘Indigo Seven’

New Haven’s Nick Di Maria certainly wouldn’t be the first jazz artist to dip his toes into the science fiction world, but he may be the first to write a complete album inspired by Stephen King’s mammoth “The Dark Tower” series. “Indigo Seven” is an oftentimes funky, progressive album that sets a laid back, melodious tone right from the jump. On his Bandcamp page Di Maria talks about this album setting a mood around travels through time and space, and with distinct currents of 1970s fusion/progressive jazz running throughout it’s easy to see the how and why of that statement. [nickdimaria.bandcamp.com](#)

Brian Dolzani’s ‘We Are Magic’

With 10 albums under his belt Brian Dolzani long ago established himself as one of the more accomplished Americana artists that Connecticut has produced over the last two decades, both in terms of quantity and quality. Whether out of pandemic necessity or not, “We Are Magic” finds Dolzani handling all the instrumentation and recording at home on a four-track recorder.

The end result is that

this stripped down affair is one of Dolzani’s most soulful releases to date. The recordings perfectly highlight the sometimes grittier nature of the songs themselves as Dolzani weaves his way down dusty folk paths that are just slightly more cloud-covered than previous releases. [briandolzani.bandcamp.com](#)

Falconeer’s ‘Deja Reve’

If you grew up playing video games in the ’80s and early ’90s, you may come away from the debut album from New Haven’s Falconeer with a distinct feeling of *deja vu*. Taking high-energy synth pop and filtering it through 8-bit dance grooves, Falconeer creates something that could be likened to if LCD Soundsystem had been hired to write a new Donkey Kong expanded universe soundtrack. The often tongue-in-cheek retro vibes are what will bring you to the party, but what will keep you there are the legitimately fantastic beats and highly danceable moments all over this record. [falconeer.bandcamp.com](#)

Kim Normal’s ‘Picturesque’

In 2019 Hartford-area indie rock act Kim Normal delivered its debut album, a blistering array of angular rock that cracked our year-end list. It would have been hard for any band to match the songwriting found on that album, but two years and one pandemic later, Kim Normal has returned with another album’s worth of catchy, head-bopping rock n’ roll. “Picturesque” seemingly leans heavier into the band’s indie rock roots than previous releases, but leaves nothing lacking when it’s time to hit the gas and go. It’s an album that sits comfortably on the shelf next to various college and alt rock from the ’80s and ’90s yet deftly carves its own path through the rock world. [kimnormalct.bandcamp.com](#)

Low Ceilings’ ‘Passenger Side’

There were few albums from 2021 that felt as light and freeing as “Passenger Side” from Windsor’s Low Ceilings. Released in April, there may not have been a better album to usher in the warm weather months. Low Ceilings’ unique brand of indie rock weaves in progressive and sometimes

fuzzed-out elements, while filtering it all through a folk rock lens. Combining a distinct singer/songwriter aesthetic with moments reminiscent of the back catalogue of acts such as Belle and Sebastian, Low Ceilings has created an album that often seamlessly transcends genre barriers without even realizing it. [lowceilingsmusic.bandcamp.com](#)

Lumot’s ‘Weaver’

Two years ago New Haven musician Shyanne Horner and her band SHY released their exceptional debut album. Fast forward to 2021 and Horner has a new band with a new name and new sound but similarly fantastic results. Lumot writes a soothing amalgamation of various indie rock and pop, while adding a bit of an angular edge to it all. “Weaver” is the type of album that can hypnotize a listener with Horner’s ethereal vocals painted over a canvas of riffs that pass from serene to stormy and back again. [lumot.bandcamp.com](#)

Earl MacDonald’s ‘Consecrated’

Jazz fans in Connecticut should be more than familiar with the name Earl McDonald. Now on album seven, the acclaimed pianist and arranger has made a name for himself both as an educator and as a purveyor of unique jazz hybrids. On his newest album, “Consecrated,” McDonald tackles traditional Christian hymns. Don’t expect something you’d hear in the average church service though, as McDonald matches the poetic lyrics with equally poetic jazz, seemingly influenced by the cool jazz of the ’50s and ’60s. McDonald has culled together an exceptional array of talent on this album, highlighted by vocalist Karly Epp. [earl-macdonald.bandcamp.com](#)

Mercy Choir’s ‘Kitchen Knife Collection’

There may be no other artist in the entire state as prolific and unpredictable as New Haven’s Mercy Choir. Mastermind Paul Belbusti has unleashed literally dozens of albums over the last decade-plus and on an annual basis you can count at least one Mercy Choir album to crack various year-end lists. “Kitchen Knife Collection” is one of Mercy Choir’s best as Belbusti paints a

sonic picture to match the album’s cover. Somewhere inside that smoke-filled, martini-drenched bar Mercy Choir holds court with an album’s worth of slick freak folk that feels just a little more secretive and dangerous than it probably should. [mercychoir.bandcamp.com](#)

The Moon Shells’ ‘Earth’

Few bands across the state dig as deep and search as far and wide for their folk influences as New Haven’s The Moon Shells. Pulling from Appalachia, West African rhythms and just about every other corner of the musical world, The Moon Shells have quickly grown into one of Connecticut’s most consistently pleasing Americana/folk acts. “Earth” finds the band stretching its instrumentation and songwriting chops to new and exciting heights, creating an overall sound that feels far more rich and rewarding than your average folk record. [themoonshells.bandcamp.com](#)

Nahadoth’s ‘Masked, Winged, and Hidden’

Nahadoth is the solo, instrumental project of CT scene stalwart Adam Matlock (“An Historic,” “Dr. Caterwaul’s,” etc.). For as unique and interesting as Matlock’s other projects are, Nahadoth may find him at his most unfettered musically. Mixing in elements of neo-classical, dungeon synth and dark ambient music, Nahadoth is able to create expansive sonic experiences that feel absolutely cinematic in scope and execution. “Masked, Winged, and Hidden” was one of three Nahadoth albums released in 2021, and while you can’t go wrong with any of them this was the best of them. [nahadoth.bandcamp.com](#)

Ovlov’s ‘buds’

Connecticut’s indie rock scene has produced quite a few ‘it’ bands that virtually everyone seems to flock to. Few have truly earned that status as much as Newtown’s Ovlov. It’s been three years since its last full-length, but a quick survey of social media would tell you it’s felt more like a decade to the fans who have been waiting with bated breath since 2018’s spectacular “TRU” album. This year’s “buds” swoops in heavier and a little meaner than any other

Ovlov release with plenty of fuzzed out guitars to go around, yet their addictive brand of indie pop/rock is still there bubbling under the surface the entire time. One of 2021’s more anticipated albums delivered what was promised and more. [ovlov.bandcamp.com](#)

Sargasso’s ‘As It Surfaces To Meet Me’

Much like the sea it is named after, New Haven’s Sargasso is often a serene presence amidst the churning waters of the indie rock pantheon, equally as untethered from genre descriptors as that sea is to land masses. Taking a smooth ’80s pop aesthetic and running it through a modern indie-pop filter, “As It Surfaces To Meet Me” has a certain familiarity to it, as if meeting an old soul mate and falling in love again for the first time. [sargasso.bandcamp.com](#)

Soldier Story’s ‘Underbelly’

Soldier Story is the moniker for songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Colin Meyer. The New Haven-based Meyer delivered one of the best indie blues albums of the year, and perhaps one of the best blues-inspired albums Connecticut has seen in quite some time. Filled with raucous, Delta-inspired, swampy grooves, “Underbelly” is the type of album that can have you toe-tapping and head-bopping almost instantly. Meyer’s brand of blues might not be ready-made for genre purists, with its pop and indie rock elements prominently displayed, but there’s no denying the powerful punch this record packs. [soldierstory.bandcamp.com](#)

Stone Healer’s ‘Conquistador’

Mansfield-based progressive metal act Stone Healer delivered one of the state’s most ambitious efforts in 2021. “Conquistador” is a quasi-concept record about songwriter Dave Kaminsky’s spiritual awakening after exiting a tumultuous relationship. Combining distinct prog rock elements with various pieces of extreme metal this was one of the more elegant and cinematic sounding metal albums of the year. Each twist and turn on this record takes the listener through varied nuances of the metal world and offered a new, excit-

ing experience with every repeat listen. [stonehealer.bandcamp.com](#)

Stout’s ‘Anomaly’

It’s hard for an artist to successfully reinvent themselves, but that’s exactly what New Haven’s Stout did with new full-length album “Anomaly.” Filled with hot and heavy dance beats, an indie hip-hop framework, and distinct R&B flair, Stout served up possibly the one album that deserved to be blasted from every dance club in the state and beyond. You’d be hard-pressed in finding an album’s worth of songs ready-made for commercial pop radio success than this one. [spotify.com](#)

Xenosis’ ‘Paralleled Existence’

One of Connecticut’s most progressive and technical extreme metal exports is Xenosis, and the band may have just delivered its best album to date. “Paralleled Existence” is an exercise in controlled chaos, or at least as controlled as death metal will allow for. It’s a cacophonous explosion of stop-start rhythms, guitar riff wizardry and jazz-infused mayhem. There’s an entire worldwide sub-genre of extreme, technical death metal bands churning out releases each year and Connecticut’s Xenosis birthed one of the best from 2021. [xenosis.bandcamp.com](#)

Honorable Mentions

- Anne Castellano & The Smoke’s “American Dream”
- Dr. Martino’s “No Outlet”
- Inertial’s “Cloud Beings”
- Intercourse’s Rule 36
- Brian Larney’s “Mythical Creatures”
- Mister Council’s “Better Man Chronicles Volume 1”
- The Problem With Kids Today’s “Junk”
- Showrocka & Spek Arson’s “Pay the Rappers”
- The Terrible Fates’ “A Ballad of Brothers”
- Tracy Walton’s “Small Town America”
- When The Deadbolt Breaks’ “As Hope Valley Burns”
- Zombii’s “Fail Harder”

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backdrops. Dec. 26 at 2 p.m. at The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford. \$92-\$152. [bushnell.org](#).

Cinephiles unite

One of the coolest movie-watching gatherings in the state, “Secret Cinema” is returning after a long hiatus. Host Rob Harmon is known for his eclectic tastes and encyclopedic knowledge of everything from silent films to the trashiest cult classics. The titles for the event’s grand return have not been announced yet, but it scarcely matters

what screens: it’s a good time with other film freaks. Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. at Best Video 1842 Whitney Ave., Hamden. Free; donations welcomed; popcorn provided. [bestvideo.com](#).

Get funny

If one of your New Year’s resolutions for last year was to give improv comedy a try, you have one last chance to make it happen. The Sea Tea Comedy Theater, Asylum Street is holding a “CT Improv Comedy Mixer” Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. It’s “a party where you can try improv,” alongside hosts Sabrina Herrera and Josuel Rosario, accompanist DJ Funk Sloff and

some Sea Tea regulars. \$5. [seateaimprov.com](#).

Get light in ’22

The Buttonwood Tree, 605 Main St., Middletown, holds its usual open mics this week — the “Anything Goes” one with J.D. Wise Monday at 7:30 p.m. and the “Acoustic Open Mic” with Bob Gotta Thursday at 7 p.m. — plus a year-end Ceremony of Light Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. promoting “the power of oneness” with host Annaita Ghandy and the music duo HannaH’s field. This is the sixth annual positivity ceremony, and was previously know as “Fire of Hope.” buttonwood.org.

Pop and rock

Three bright Connecticut bands rock The Space Ballroom, 295 Treadwell St., Hamden, Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. for a mere \$10-\$15. You can hear the alt-rock quintet Mandala, the multi-styled pop band Cheem and Zanders, which describes itself as having a “pronounced musical theater proclivity within an indie, piano-pop sensibility.” [spaceballroom.com](#).

Blend into ’22

You can party like it’s 1999 with the bands West End Blend and Nikita at their “’90s New Year’s Eve Party” Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. at Infinity Hall, 32 Front St.,

Hartford. \$25. [infinityhall.com](#).

Boogie into ’22

The New Year’s Eve bash at cafe nine, 250 State St., New Haven, joins one of the most reliable party bands in the state, Boogie Chillun (who’ve been around for over a quarter of a century now) and Deep Banana Blackout vocalist Jen Durkin. Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. \$20. [cafenine.com](#).

Drive into ’22

The local blues/R&B mecca Black-Eyed Sally’s hasn’t gotten completely back to their packed live music schedules of yore, but they do have a great New

Year’s Eve show planned, with The Mighty Soul Drivers driving you into 2022 on Dec. 31 at 8:30 p.m. [blackeyedsallys.com](#).

Stand up in ’22

The “Stand-up Countdown New Year’s Eve Comedy Night” on (when else?) Dec. 31 presents three comedians — Richie Byrne, Missy Hall and Frank Vignola — doing two sets each, at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. The year-ending comedy show is a tradition at Seven Angels Theatre, Plank Road, Waterbury. \$50 per show. [sevenangelstheatre.org](#).

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Chloe Zhao, winner of the awards for best picture and director for "Nomadland," at the Oscars on April 25. **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP**



Prince Harry, from left, and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, with Oprah Winfrey. **JOE PUGLIESE/HARPO PRODUCTIONS**



Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez kiss Sept. 10 at the Venice Film Festival in Italy. **JOEL C RYAN/INVISION**

Pop culture takes wild ride

It's never easy to define a roller-coaster year like 2021, when we were up and down again, and again

By **Jocelyn Noveck**
Associated Press

Britney was freed. Bennifer came back. So did Broadway, yay! And actually, the Beatles! As for Bond — James Bond — he said goodbye, at least the Daniel Craig version.

Harry and Meghan spoke to Oprah, and boy, we listened. We listened, too, to Taylor Swift, who sang about a failed affair and a still-missing scarf.

And nice guys won out — at least in TV comedy, where "Ted Lasso," Jason Sudeikis' show about an endearingly earnest American coach transplanted to cutthroat British football, swept the Emmys. The whole "Ted Lasso" cast was great, but if we're seeking to capture the mood of the year, let's maybe look to the goldfish. Who? You know, the goldfish. The happiest animal, Lasso likes to tell his players, because it only has a 10-second memory. That's good when you're holding a grudge in sports, but also when you're trying to get through a roller-coaster year like 2021, when we thought we were up and then we were down again. And again. And again.

So here's to you, happy goldfish. And here's our annual, highly subjective trip down pop culture memory lane.

January: On Inauguration Day, Amanda Gorman, 22, captivates a nation, reciting "The Hill We Climb." Within hours, the eloquent national youth poet laureate has gained more than a million followers on Instagram (now close to 4 million). Runner-up inauguration star: Bernie Sanders' mittens, inspiration for many a bobblehead.

February: The Golden Globes, an awkwardly virtual ceremony, still has its moving moments, including a heartbreaking speech by Taylor Simone



Britney Spears supporters celebrate the ruling that ends her conservatorship on Nov. 12 in Los Angeles. **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP**

Ledward, widow of posthumous winner Chadwick Boseman: "I don't have his words." These Globes will be remembered, though, for revelations of the shocking lack of diversity in the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. A judge upholds — for now — the conservatorship governing Britney Spears, as a new documentary, "Framing Britney Spears," shines light on the troubling case.

March: It's a big night for women at the Grammys, where Swift becomes the first female performer to win album of the year three times, and Beyonce gets her 28th win to become the most decorated woman in Grammy history. But the biggest news this month is Harry and Meghan's bombshell interview, in which Meghan speaks of a fairy-tale life that turned dark

and made her suicidal, and alleges experiencing racism in the royal family.

April: Chloe Zhao takes the best director Oscar for her lyrical "Nomadland," only the second woman in history (and the first woman of color). The in-person but stripped down Oscars bring back red-carpet glamour — that abrupt ending was super weird, though.

May: "Friends," aka Joey and Phoebe and Chandler and Monica and Rachel and Ross, hold their long-awaited reunion. Among the revelations: A mutual, previously unknown crush between Jennifer Aniston and David Schwimmer, and Lady Gaga's fondness for Phoebe's "Smelly Cat."

June: Kim Kardashian West details in "Keeping

Up With the Kardashians" why she filed for divorce from Kanye West in February: "I don't want a husband that lives in a completely different state," she says, and "I want someone who wants to work out with me." Spears speaks, telling a judge that she wants her life back. "I've lied and told the whole world I'm OK," she says. She was not.

July: The second season of "Ted Lasso" debuts this month, bringing a new set of challenges to the amiable coach and his underdog club, AFC Richmond. In two months, the show will sweep the comedy Emmys.

August: Who saw this coming? It's Bennifer! Almost 20 years after their very public romance, Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck have found each

other again, and they're packing on the PDA ... The internet rejoices. On a sad note, it's the end of a rock 'n' roll era as Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts dies at age 80.

September: "There's no place like home!" That's the original Glinda, Kristin Chenoweth, welcoming Broadway audiences back to "Wicked." The Met Gala is back, with mandatory PCR tests and a decidedly young vibe led by hosts Timothee Chalamet, Billie Eilish, Gorman, and tennis star Naomi Osaka. At the Emmys, it's Lasso time, and also time to hail comedy heroine Jean Smart, who takes a trophy and basks in her "Jeannaisance." New on TV: the South Korean survival drama "Squid Game," making an audacious entrance. In the courtroom, music star

R. Kelly is convicted of sex trafficking.

October: Captain Kirk himself boldly blasts off into space. An overwhelmed William Shatner, at 90 the oldest space traveler, describes the atmosphere keeping mankind alive as "thinner than your skin." Daniel Craig makes his final Bond outing in "No Time to Die." Tony Soprano's back as a teenager in the prequel "Many Saints of Newark," played by Michael Gandolfini, James' son. Real-life tragedy strikes a movie set as a gunshot fired by actor Alec Baldwin accidentally kills cinematographer Halyna Hutchins, horrifying an industry and spurring calls for all guns to be banned on sets.

November: It's not quite a Beatles reunion, but the Peter Jackson doc "Get Back" gives hungry fans eight hours of yet-unseen footage. And it's Britney's time: A judge finally terminates the conservatorship that controlled the pop singer's life for nearly 14 years. Swift releases a 10-minute rendition of the blistering single "All Too Well." A saddened Broadway community says goodbye to Stephen Sondheim, beloved titan of musical theater. At a chaotic Travis Scott concert, eight people (and later, two more) are killed as a crowd surges forward to the stage.

December: Spider-Man is back, as is 50-something Carrie Bradshaw (and buddies Miranda and Charlotte but not Samantha). Nostalgia peaks with the exciting new "West Side Story" directed by Steven Spielberg. With more troubling pandemic news on the horizon, we can all do with a stirring distraction like this one — as we keep waiting, to paraphrase the Fab Four, to get back, get back, get back to where we once belonged.

'Shang-Chi' star Liu always looked at the bigger picture

By **Gary Gerard Hamilton**
Associated Press

When little-known actor Simu Liu tweeted in 2014 asking Marvel for an Asian American superhero, he wasn't vying for a job — he was venting at Hollywood's status quo.

"I was experiencing just such a frustration turning on the TV and, as a struggling actor, too, just really seeing the limits of what was possible for people that look like me," said Liu. "Fast forward five years, and I'm here."

Liu starred as Shaun/Shang-Chi in "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings," Marvel's first film led by an Asian superhero. The blockbuster movie obliterated the records for both Labor Day openings and pandemic-era releases on its way to more than \$430 million in ticket sales worldwide.

"My goal was always to try to make it out in Hollywood, and for a few years, nothing happened," said the Chinese-born Canadian actor. "Then in 2019, the craziest thing happened. I'm getting all these incredible opportunities. Most recently it was 'SNL,' but it was also getting to go to the Met Gala — so many different things. I had an oppor-

tunity to be on 'Sesame Street.' I mean, it's been such a joy and such a privilege to go through."

While Liu is enjoying the success, he's always looked at the bigger picture. "Shang-Chi," which is available now on Disney+ and on Blu-ray/DVD, has allowed audiences of all ages to see a wide array of Asian faces and characters — something he didn't have himself. Growing up, Liu admired Will Smith; he remembers being astonished after learning that Smith, a Black man, was at one point Hollywood's highest grossing actor.

"I just found that to be so incredible because he was an actor of color. And even though he wasn't Asian, I still felt like there was a part of me that related to him," said Liu.

And while Smith is obviously deserving of admiration, Liu's aspirational choices were also limited.

"Growing up, in terms of people who look like me, there was really only Jackie Chan and Jet Li. And even though I think I enjoyed watching them, there was always a distance as well because we came from just very different backgrounds. And I think the characters that they were forced to play were also very exaggerated versions of what



Growing up, Simu Liu's aspirational choices for actors were limited. **TAYLOR JEWELL/INVISION**

Asian people actually are." Liu, whose family immigrated to the Toronto area when he was 5 from China, was previously most recognized for "Kim's Convenience," a Canadian comedy centered around a Korean immigrant family who ran a convenience store. He also starred in "Blood and Water," a Canadian crime drama with dialogue in English, Mandarin and Cantonese.

Up next for the 32-year-old is "Arthur The King," starring Mark Wahlberg, which tells the story of a captain of a Swedish adventure racing team

who befriends a wounded dog while racing through the Ecuadorian jungle. He'll also star in "One True Loves," a rom-com with Phillipa Soo and Luke Bracey.

"We need to show Asian Americans in all kind of facets and all sorts of light. So that will be what the next few steps of my career are focused on," explained Liu. "That, and I think creating opportunities for other creatives of color who are coming up. And stepping into a producerial role and being a self-generator, rather than just somebody who waits for opportunity to come."

Back to that tweet: Kevin Feige, president of Marvel Studios, told Liu he was completely unaware about the social media message, so it had no influence on him securing the role. For Liu, that signifies a more important lesson.

"I think there's something to be said for setting a goal or putting a pointer out in the horizon and saying I am headed in that direction," said Liu. "Give yourself the permission to acknowledge your dreams and your ambitions. Give yourself the permission to vocalize it and to put it out into the universe and then work really, really hard to get there."

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Divers at Dutch Springs, a 50-acre water park and scuba diving site that features a 100-foot-deep water filled quarry, near Bethlehem, Pa. MICHAEL TUREK/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

The last plunge in Pa.

Plans to build warehouses near water park creates uncertainty

By Aidan Gardiner
The New York Times

When Pat McLaughlin heard over the summer about the likely sale and closure of Dutch Springs, a 50-acre water park and scuba diving site in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley, he thought of his father, whose ashes were scattered in the water-filled quarry.

"Where's mom going to go?" he said.

His father, a diving instructor who owned a diving supply shop nearby, loved the place. They visited it nearly every summer weekend since it opened in 1980. The family camped on the grassy shores and plunged into the 100-foot-deep quarry.

"All of our memories are basically around Dutch Springs," said McLaughlin, a part-time diving instructor and frequent visitor. "It feels like home."

The sale of Dutch Springs has put the future of the diving site and the community it has created into question.

The Dallas-based Trammell Crow Co. plans to erect two warehouses totaling 587,000 square feet on either side of the lake,

adding to the many others that sprouted in the area in recent years to serve the massive concentration of online shoppers across the Northeast.

The new warehouses have transformed the area, and the industry has become the second-largest employer in the Lehigh Valley, according to a local trade group.

But along with a take-over of once-rolling farmland, the warehouses have brought trucks that are on the streets at all hours, clogging roads and polluting the air, according to locals.

"It's white-knuckle time on Interstate 78 sometimes or on Route 22 with all these big rigs moving goods out of these warehouses," said Lamont McClure, the executive of Northampton County, which encompasses Dutch Springs.

Because Dutch Springs is a relatively short drive from New York City, Philadelphia and Baltimore, it has become a magnet for seasoned divers and amateurs seeking scuba certification before a vacation.

And unlike the open sea, the conditions are stable



Raul Romero, a dive instructor based in New York City, at Dutch Springs. The sale of Dutch Springs to a company that plans to erect two large warehouses on either side of the lake has thrown the popular diving site into question.

and more predictable.

"There's a lot of camaraderie," said Raul Romero, a dive instructor based in New York City.

He recalled how quickly a Polish client of his fell for the place and kept returning. Their families grew so close that their daughters

became friends.

The conditions at Dutch Springs can be uniquely challenging.

Algal blooms in the summer often limit visibility to about 6 feet, but divers can dip below that to see the attractions on the quarry floor: there are several aircraft, a bus and a firetruck among other things.

"It's kind of like dipping your hand in a bucket of ice water, like digging for beers," said Jerry Joseph, a designer who lives in the New York borough of Brooklyn. "It's a bit of a shock, but a refreshing kind of shock."

That's part of what makes Dutch Springs great, Romero said.

"If you learn how to dive here, you are pretty much going to be able to dive anywhere in the world," he said.

It's a lesson Sage Vousé took to heart. Vousé, a software engineer who lives in the New York borough of Manhattan, marveled at the limited visibility, finding it almost meditative.

"It's kind of like you are sitting and breathing in a void," Vousé said. "That can be scary, but it can also be very good because there's nothing to do in the void but breathe."

During a later plunge between tectonic plates off Iceland, Vousé, who uses the pronouns they and them, had to completely remove their mask underwater, a tricky procedure they had worked hard to learn.

"You've got to choke a little and then keep breathing through your mouth," Vousé said. "It felt like all my Dutch Springs training was coming through."

Representatives for the warehouse developer said they are still in talks with local officials and other groups about lake access.

"It is a top priority for everyone involved to ensure that the lake remains available to divers and as a training facility to first responders and we are optimistic we will achieve this goal," said Andrew Mele, a managing director for the developer. He didn't provide further details.

The uncertainty over the site's future creates a painful limbo for Dutch Springs devotees. Dr. Nevada Winrow recalled how the young members of her group, the Black Girls Dive Foundation, encountered a swirl of conflicting rumors during their annual Labor Day camping trip there.

"They are absolutely heartbroken," Winrow said. "There's no other place like Dutch Springs."

Giant Forest to reopen months after wildfires threatened sequoia trees

By Hayley Smith
Los Angeles Times

Three months after wildfire flames ripped through California's ancient sequoia groves, officials at the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks have announced the Giant Forest will reopen to the public.

Visitors will be able to access limited areas of the forest as part of a phased reopening, officials said — although winter storms

could force some roadway closures.

The forest has been closed to public access since mid-September by the KNP Complex fire, which burned through more than 88,000 acres and is still smoldering in some areas.

The fire generated one of the most indelible images of the year, when the base of the General Sherman Tree — known as the largest tree on Earth by volume — had to be wrapped in

fire-protective foil.

"We have been working hard to restore access to the Giant Forest as quickly as we responsibly can, and we thank everyone for their patience and flexibility with the limited access that we're currently able to provide," Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Supt. Clay Jordan said in a statement.

Though sequoias are adapted to wildfire — and depend on it for reproduction — California's new

breed of faster, hotter and more intense wildfires has proved lethal. As many as 3,600 giant sequoias in the southern Sierra Nevada perished in the flames of the KNP Complex and the nearby Windy fire this year.

The stunning loss represents about 3% to 5% of the world's giant sequoia population, officials said.

But many of the trails in the Giant Forest, including the Congress Trail, were not affected by the fire and remain open.



Teresa Benson, forest supervisor for Sequoia National Forest, left, unwraps protective insulation Oct. 22 from the General Sherman sequoia. ERIC PAUL ZAMORA/THE FRESNO BEE

Romantic Amalfi Coast, isle of Capri



Rick Steves

Along the heights of the Amalfi Coast in Italy, every inch is terraced, connected by steep stony staircases that tempt visitors with twinkling — but treacherous — Mediterranean views. Climbing through terraced orchards of lemon trees, I’m hot and thirsty, fantasizing about fresh-squeezed lemonade.

And then, just like a fairy tale, I come upon the daughter of a farmer who seems to be waiting for a lost and parched American traveler. She welcomes me to her terrace to join her for a little slicing and squeezing. Then, as if teaching me a very important life skill, she demonstrates how you halve your lemon, stab it with a knife and then — cupping the fruit with one hand — you wiggle the knife with the other, and watch the juice fill your glass. She adds lots of sugar, gives it a good stir and hands me a glass of lemonade I’ll never forget. As I drink, she quizzes me about my journey. It’s one of those moments you travel for.

I’m staying in Sorrento, a town wedged on a ledge between the mountains and the sea. An hour south of wild and crazy Naples, Sorrento feels like its opposite: calm and genteel.

Crowding onto the early bus for the ride along the Amalfi Coast, I sit on the right, primed for the big coastal views and bracing myself for one of Italy’s great thrill rides as we make our way to Positano. The trip gives me respect for the engineers who built the road — and even more respect for the bus drivers who drive it.

Maybe I’m just hyper-



The enchanting isle of Capri has attracted visitors since ancient times. **RICK STEVES**

ventilating, but I’m struck by how the Mediterranean, a sheer 500-foot drop below, twinkles. Cantilevered garages, hotels and villas cling to the vertical terrain. Exotic sandy coves tease from far below, out of reach.

Early the next morning, riding the 30-minute ferry from Sorrento, I head for the enchanting isle of Capri. I think of the rich and famous who’ve headed to the same island over the centuries.

Today, Capri is expensive and glitzy — and a world-class tourist trap. Landing on the island, I’m met with a greedy line of white convertible taxis, eager to sweep me away.

Zigzagging up the cliff with the top down, I think that despite its crowds and commercialism, Capri is still flat-out gorgeous. Chalky white limestone cliffs rocket boldly from the shimmering blue and green surf. Strategically positioned gardens, villas and viewpoints provide stunning vistas of the Sorrentine peninsula, Amalfi Coast and Mount Vesuvius.

To give my Capri visit an extra dimension, I take the scenic boat trip around the island. It’s cheap and comes with good narration.

Riding through the pounding waves, I work on my sunburn as we circle the island, marveling at a nonstop parade of staggering cliffs and listening to stories of celebrity-owned villas. There are also some quirky sights: a solar-powered lighthouse, statues atop desolate rocks, and caves in the cliffs with legends reaching back to the time of Emperor Tiberius.

The last stop is the highlight: the fabled Blue Grotto, with its otherworldly azure water.

At the mouth of the grotto, a covey of dinghies jockeys to pick up arriving tourists, who need to disembark from their larger transports. The grotto’s entrance hole is small, so only these little rowboats can fit through. If the tide’s too high or the chop too rough, dinghies can’t get in and visitors are turned back.

Nervous that the waves will close it down, I gingerly climb into my dinghy and my raffish rower jostles his way to the tiny entry. He knows enough English to explain to me (jokingly, I think) that if I don’t scrunch down below the gunwales, I’ll smash my skull on the rock and, as I’ve already paid, that was no concern of his. Taking a moment to feel the rhythm of the swells and anticipating the instant when the dinghy reaches the low point, he pulls hard and fast on the old chain, and we squeeze — like birthing in reverse — into the grotto.

Inside, it takes my eyes a moment to adjust to the brilliant blue of the cave’s

water (an effect caused by sun reflecting off the limestone at the bottom). As my man rows me around, singing a little “O Sole Mio,” I enjoy the iridescent magic of the moment.

Beaches, boutiques, blue grottoes and fresh-squeezed lemonade — it all combines to make clear why, for centuries, holiday-goers have chosen this corner of Italy to make their Mediterranean travel dreams come true.

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CELEB TRAVELER

Movies help star prep for her trips

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

“I am a Disney fanatic,” said Lynn Chen, who portrays Dr. Michelle Lin on the ABC medical series “Grey’s Anatomy.” “(My dream trip would be) visiting all the Disneylands outside of the United States with my entire family — the nieces, nephews, in-laws, everyone.” Based out of Los Angeles, Chen’s resume also includes roles in “Saving Grace,” “Shameless” and “The Affair.” Fans may follow her on Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/mslynnchen/>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/MsLynnChen>).

Q: If you had to cancel travel plans due to the pandemic, where were they to?

A: I had plans to world premiere my directorial debut, “I Will Make You Mine,” at the 2020 SXSW Film Festival and found out via a breaking news update on my phone that it wasn’t going to be happening. From there, I knew that the other film festivals I had planned on traveling to (in Cleveland, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia) were most likely going to be canceled as well. We missed a big family trip, too. But because we knew we would be home so much, we did end up adopting a dog, and he has been everything to us.

Q: What kind of trips have you taken during this pandemic?

A: I took a few trips with my husband, Abe, and (our dog) Miles, where we



“Grey’s Anatomy” actor Lynn Chen counts Los Angeles, New York, Paris and New Orleans among her favorite cities. **ABE FORMAN-GREENWALD**

could drive directly from Los Angeles. We rented a house in Julian (San Diego County) and another up in Marshall (Marin County). We also stayed nearby for a few days in Pasadena at the Langham Hotel. Just recently, I took my first flight so that I could see my family in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving. Sometimes, I feel like just figuring out the logistics of travel and packing and unpacking is enough mental stimulation for me when I am going stir crazy.

Q: What is your best and/or worst vacation memory?

A: I went to New Orleans for Christmas one year and got food poisoning on my birthday. I spent the rest of the trip very sick and unable to eat anything, so the following year we came back again and gorged successfully on beignets, gumbo, po’ boys and muffuletta sandwiches.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: I went to Botswana for safari over a decade ago. As I took an outdoor shower and witnessed a baby elephant crossing a stream with its mother,

I remember thinking, “Nothing will ever top this moment, ever.” And I was right. Never again have I experienced an emotional or spiritual feeling like I did then and there. And I still know better than to compare anything to that experience, which has been imprinted deep into my memory bank.

Q: What kind of research do you do before you go away on a trip?

A: I like to watch movies that have filmed on location wherever I’m going, then visit those places. When we were in Paris, we did a little “Before Sunset” tour, making sure to visit Le Pure Cafe and Shakespeare and Company bookstore. Imagine our surprise when we spotted Ethan Hawke himself at Sacré-Coeur the next day! In recent years, I discovered I have a rather serious gluten allergy, so I always look up places to eat where they can accommodate people with celiac, or where I will be able to easily communicate with the chef about my special dietary needs.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Should Uber give refund for a ride never taken?

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: Uber charged me for two trips from Katy, Texas, to Houston that I didn’t take. The charges were both for \$87 with a \$60 tip, for a total of \$295. I immediately contacted both Uber and my credit card company.

Uber only credited one charge of \$87 and claimed I made that reservation from my phone. So I’m responsible for \$207. Uber says a fraud specialist reviewed my case.

I haven’t been to Katy. I’m certainly not going on any joy rides to Houston at 1:29 a.m. and 3:16 a.m., which is when these rides were taken.

My Bank of America credit card company said Uber claims I made the trips. I disputed the charges, but Bank of America sided with Uber.

Please help. I feel I did everything correctly by canceling my credit card and contacting both companies the day it happened. This is theft.

— TJ Cain, Mount Pleasant, Texas

A: Uber shouldn’t charge you for rides you never ordered or used. And by the way, your bank should have sided with you in this dispute — but you already knew that.

Uber doesn’t seem to be that great with geography. You live in Mount Pleasant, which is just outside of Dallas and more than a four-hour drive from Katy. As you say, you were nowhere near Katy and didn’t have a pattern of hailing early-morning rides, so this should be an open-and-shut case for both Uber and Bank of America. Someone accessed your Uber account and ordered these rides fraudulently.

I think the real tipoff that this was bogus was the two \$60 tips. I mean, I’ve heard of generous tipping, but these tips are over the top. Come on! A 1:29 a.m. pickup with an oversize gratuity? That looks wrong. Someone at Uber should have immediately flagged this transaction and frozen the account.

You followed all the correct procedures to fix this. You canceled your Bank of America card and contacted Uber immediately. I see you also established a paper trail via the Uber chat app. That’s excellent because you can prove that you tried to fix this immediately. Guilty people don’t typically take those kinds of steps after committing a crime.

I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of the Uber executive contacts on my consumer advocacy site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/uber/. You might have reached out to one of them to appeal this rejection.

It looks as if someone may have hacked into your Uber account. There’s no way to know how someone got your password, but your case is a reminder to change your passwords often and never share them with anyone.

I contacted Uber on your behalf, and it refunded your charges.

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CELEBRITIES

Rachel Zegler has year of transition

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

In another timeline, Rachel Zegler would have had her breakthrough moment last December. That was when Steven Spielberg’s rendition of “West Side Story” was supposed to open and introduce the world to the New Jersey high school student who responded to an open call on Twitter and beat out thousands for the part of Maria. But the pandemic had other plans. Yet 2021 wasn’t exactly spent waiting in the wings. She was cast in and filmed the sequel to “Shazam” and snagged the role of Snow White in the live-action re-imagining with Gal Gadot playing the evil queen. “It’s been a year of transition,” Zegler, 20, said. “I stepped out of my comfort zone.”

As soon as she got back from filming “Shazam 2” in Atlanta, it was time to dive into the “West Side Story” promotional circus. That meant interviews, photo shoots and many public appearances and red carpets, which she had never done before. “My first red carpet was the Met Gala, which just feels like a baptism by fire,” Zegler said. “I said ‘yes,’ and then it was like, ‘Oh, now I have to go, and I have to like, walk on the carpet and trip up the stairs,’ which I didn’t do and I’m really proud of myself (for)! But yeah, that was ... crazy.” It was at the Met Gala that she got to meet pop star Lorde and tell her how much her music meant to her. Much to her surprise Lorde — whose first name is Ella — knew exactly who she was, too. “She said, ‘I’m Ella. It’s nice to meet you.’ And I was like, ‘I’m Rachel.’ And she’s like, ‘Oh, no, I know who you are. You sing, you dance, you’re a triple



Rachel Zegler, seen Nov. 28, plays Maria in Steven Spielberg’s rendition of “West Side Story.” **DREW GURIAN/INVISION**

threat. I can’t wait to see your film,’” Zegler said. “I’m taking that to the grave.” Though Zegler isn’t someone who gets star-struck easily, it is at least a bit surreal to suddenly be recognized. “You don’t realize how far the reach is until you’re in it,” Zegler said. “And then all of these people are coming up to you — complete strangers are coming up to you — and a lot of it, I think, has to do with Steven’s impact on the industry and the world.” Her life had already changed course significantly the moment Spielberg told her that she had gotten the role three years ago. Not only would Zegler be starring in an iconic property with a legendary director at the helm, she’d also be the first Latina (she’s Colombian American) to play the part in a major motion picture. It was history in the making.

Zegler is actually grateful that she had this gap year to get ready for her new life in the spotlight. “I don’t know how I would have reacted to everything that’s going on in my life right now should I have not had a year to prepare,” she said. “I was obviously devastated when we had to postpone a year. I don’t know who wouldn’t be. But looking back on it, the girl that I was before COVID moved our movie a whole 365 days is not the same girl who’s talking to you today.” **Dec. 26 birthdays:** Singer Abdul “Duke” Fakir is 86. Humorist David Sedaris is 65. Drummer James Kottak is 59. Drummer Lars Ulrich is 58. Singer James Mercer is 51. Singer Jared Leto is 50. Singer Chris Daughtry is 42. Actor Beth Behrs is 36. Actor Kit Harington is 35. Actor Eden Sher is 30. Singer Jade Thirlwall is 29.



ASK AMY

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Boyfriend’s behavior means it’s ‘game over’

Dear Amy: My boyfriend of almost three years is very childish. If I do something he does not like, he will try to “get me” back — or even the score in some way. For instance, I do not want to do a particular act in the bedroom. This act makes me super-uncomfortable, and I hate it. No matter how many times I explain this to him, he says it’s his favorite thing and that if I don’t do it, then it’s a deal-breaker. Sometimes I suffer through it, but other times I flat out refuse. The other day, I refused to do this. Now he won’t kiss me. He says that since I won’t do that for him, kissing is off the table until I do it. How is that fair? How can we navigate through this without calling it quits? — *Underperforming*

Dear Underperforming: Couples definitely bargain and negotiate with one another over all sorts of things, including “acts in the bedroom.” However, this is not a negotiation. This is ... game over. Definitely — a deal-breaker. I wouldn’t describe your boyfriend’s behavior as “childish,” so much as “deeply troubling,” “manipulative,” “abusive.” He is coercing, manipulating, and — I assume — cornering you into doing something you have stated many times that you don’t want to do. This is something you “hate.” Then, when he is not able to force you to do his “favorite thing,” he punishes you. This is pretty much the definition of domes-

tic abuse. Currently, he is withholding affection. Later, he might punish you in other ways and for other reasons, if you don’t “make him happy.” This is not connection. Regular readers know that I rarely say this when people claim they want to work on their relationship, but — get out. The National Sexual Assault Hotline is available 24/7. Their impressive website (RAINN.org) offers a wonderful “chat” function, available all-hours. You could “gut check” my reaction by calling or chatting online with a counselor: 800-656-HOPE (4673). **Dear Amy:** I have an older sister who has never treated me well — even as children. We are now in our 60s and live 3,000 miles apart. Her boyfriend’s son and his fiance sent my husband and me a “Save the Date” card for their wedding. I have only met him twice. My husband has never met him. We have two elderly dogs that will need boarding (one in bad health). My sister has informed us we must get a hotel. I was hurt when she did not attend my bridal shower years ago, which she referred to as “stupid.” She really wants me to go to this wedding and will be hurt if I don’t. I don’t want to do this. Do I have to? — *Hurting Sister* **Dear Hurting:** You have free will. You don’t need my permission to turn down an invitation to a faraway event for a

stranger that will be challenging for you to attend. Nor do you need to justify your decision. All you need to do is to be polite and gracious, thanking the couple for the invitation, and telling your sister that unfortunately it’s simply too challenging for you to make the long trip right now. Do not bring up ancient history. If your sister is routinely mean to you, then she will probably respond in expected ways. Don’t bite the hook. Understand that you may not be able to change her, but you can work on ways to change the way you react to her. If she blows up at you, you can tell her, “I was upset about having to make this choice. But your reaction makes it easier. I hope the wedding goes well and I look forward to hearing about it. But let’s catch up another time.” **Dear Amy:** I hope you will warn readers who might be receiving DNA testing kits as gifts, that the results can unlock mysteries, answer questions and create problems. I recently said hi to my new half-sibling, someone I didn’t know existed before we were linked through DNA. — *Be Forewarned* **Dear Forewarned:** I hope you don’t characterize this as a “problem,” but it certainly presents challenges — for both of you.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Inspiration may fill your mind. You’d be wise to try and come up with an unusual solution to any work-related matters. You could hit on the perfect key to a problem, even when you’re just daydreaming or letting your mind wander.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): This is a good time to spread your mental wings and do some exploring, even if you can’t literally travel right now. Don’t think you need to do things all by yourself. In fact, why not round up a group of friends for an evening of intellectual and cultural curiosity?

Gemini (May 21-June 20): This isn’t exactly a light-hearted day. This energy can already supply some intense feelings, to say the least. This vibration will open up a cosmic highway for you to put all this mental energy to efficient use. Don’t hesitate to show off your strengths — you might impress people.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): The important people in your life are highlighted, no matter what kind of relationship you have with them. Thanks to their connection, today could bring you an especially broadening conversation, making this the perfect time to speak. See a partnership taken to the next level.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You’ve probably been kept busy as you try and get everything done. Today, however, could offer you the chance to use all this to your advantage. Any recent stresses may finally be worth it when you make it through the day and reward yourself in whatever way you want.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Fun stuff could be in store for you today — as long as you don’t try to keep it all for yourself. Mercury is partying it up with Neptune. They’ll be doing their best to make this the perfect time to enjoy yourself with any or all of your loved ones. Whatever you do, do it together!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It’s a good day to get organized and do a bit of tending to the foundations of your life, so keep in mind that it’s never too early or too late for some spring cleaning. Your house is making it easy to both identify and solve problems. If you’ve left any chores, now is the time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Enjoy yourself — this is not a day when you should isolate yourself! Lots of social opportunities could appear from seemingly nowhere. It doesn’t matter what you do as long as you enjoy it, so don’t hesitate to chase after your dreams at full speed. The universe is in full support of your endeavors.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is a good day to get serious — but not too serious! Roll up your sleeves and get to work on making it rain. That mood may be lightened by Mercury forming a friendly alignment with Neptune, so you don’t need to put in so much effort that you burn out.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may have a lot to say today. You’d be wise to give voice to any ideas that come your way. Their cosmic source could make them both unique and useful! Even if you normally prefer to play things by the book, it’s okay to let yourself color outside of the lines for now.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A potential windfall is coming your way, but you may not have a good view of any specifics until the opportunity arrives. You could come up with a very creative way to earn more when you’re not even thinking about it. Daydreaming can equal dollar signs.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): People could really want your attention right now — even if you don’t really feel like giving it to them. Others will be eager to have your calming energy with them. That being said, you might not want to go all out, and that’s OK. You can get together for a quiet event with friends rather than anything wild.

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

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They would get back to waxing the car after they —

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Dec. 26, Jack Johnson became the first African American boxer to win the world heavyweight championship as he defeated Canadian Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia.

In 1941, Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress.

In 1966, Kwanzaa was first celebrated.

In 1996, 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family’s home in Boulder, Colorado.

In 2004, more than 230,000 people, mostly in southern Asia, were killed by a 100-foot-high tsunami triggered by a 9.1-magnitude earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean.

In 2012, Toyota Motor Corp. said it had reached a settlement worth more than \$1 billion in a case involving unintended acceleration problems in its vehicles.

MY PET WORLD

Living with dogs: training, adapting, compromising

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: My letter is in response to Carol in Massapequa regarding her new dog’s bathroom habits. I also had a dog for 16 years who would take long walks and wait to relieve herself in the backyard. Carol may appreciate this during the winter. I can let my dog into the backyard to relieve herself (without having to go outside in wintry weather). She’s been house-trained since she was 4 months old and never had an accident in the house.

My dog also has other particular habits. She will only eat out of her own food and water dishes, and she loves to sleep on an old bathmat. So, we take her dishes and bathmat, which she sleeps on in the car or wherever we are staying, when we travel with her. With a little patience, she could end up with a puppy as great as ours.

— Janet, Rego Park, New York

Dear Janet: Puppies (and kittens) are so much fun, but it does take time to help them adjust to living in our homes. There are three main ways we can help them adjust: Train them, adapt to them or compromise with them. In Carol’s case, training her dog to relieve herself during leashed walks works best for her lifestyle. She wants to take her dog on long walks and doesn’t want to worry about getting her home in a hurry to relieve herself.

In your instance, Janet, you adapted to some of your dog’s quirks and interwove them into your lifestyle. Not having to walk your dog to relieve herself is a plus for you. You know her habits and make sure you bring her food dish and water bowl when you travel. By getting her used to sleeping on a bathmat,



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you have trained her to be comfortable on that mat, regardless of where you are on the world. (Having something familiar and part of her everyday routine is very comforting for a dog when away from home.)

When not training our dogs to perform a certain behavior or acquiescing to one of their peculiarities, pet owners learn to compromise with them. This is when a behavior is something you can live with, but only if you tweak it a bit. For example, I once had an 80-pound dog who wanted up on the living room couch. I

allowed him on the family room couches, but not the living room couch because that’s where visitors sat. I know he understood because he never got on the couch during the day. But at night, as soon as I fell asleep, I could hear him climbing on the living room couch. I would get up and ask him to get down, but as soon as I started to fall asleep, he would sneak back on the couch again. In this instance, we needed a compromise that worked for both of us. So, I trained him to get on the couch, but only if there was a blanket on it. He understood that and did not get

on the couch again unless there was a blanket on it. By compromising, we both got our way, and he seemed happy I “heard” him. It’s wonderful that you understand your dog and can accommodate her wants and needs. She is eager to please you as well. This is what it means to be in relationship with a companion animal.

Dear Cathy: My little girl Chelsea is 12 years old. Six months ago, she started urinating down the front side of her box. I’m using pet pads/diapers to absorb it. I’m at a loss as she does her fecal business in there

fine. I’ve moved (the box) in different positions, removed the top and even put her food where she piddles to no avail. I withhold treats, and she does well. But after a couple of days, she pees on the floor again. Any advice?

— Jon, Pompano Beach, Florida

Dear Jon: Considering her age and sudden onset of the behavior, it sounds like there may be a medical problem, like a urinary tract infection. When a cat has a urinary infection, he or she will often poop in the litter box, but pee just outside it but near it.

Don’t withhold treats or put food where she pees as this won’t change her behavior. Instead, get her to a doctor for a health exam.

If she doesn’t have a urinary infection or other health problem, then sprinkle some litter box attractant (available online) to coax her into using the box again.

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‘Getting acquainted’ chat becomes invasive interview



Dear Miss Manners: A couple who recently assumed a leadership role at my church announced that they wanted to become better acquainted with the families of the congregation. They scheduled 30-minute chats with individual families before and after church services.

They interviewed my husband and me using a prepared script of six pages, which included questions about our marriage, our psychological states and our disabled adult child. We replied truthfully to their questions. I felt almost as if I had gone to a physician’s office and undergone an unwarranted exam, in which we were judged, graded or evaluated. I also felt deceived since I was expecting a conversation, not a one-sided, in-depth interview.

This couple used their church status to obtain information that wasn’t their business. My relationship with my husband doesn’t involve them. My adult child’s activities are not their concern, and neither is my mental state.

The wife now approaches me after services and tries to converse about my interests or activities that were revealed during the interview. I am polite, but distant. I don’t want to make an enemy of this person. How do I make her understand that I would prefer her to leave me alone? I am not angry with her, but I do not care to have these conversations.

Gentle reader: If you will forgive Miss Manners for

contradicting you, you are angry at having been interrogated — and understandably so. But as you willingly cooperated up to this point, the couple is going to be perplexed if you give them the cold shoulder now.

You are left with two alternatives. The first: Each time you are approached, you can apologize and explain that you cannot talk now. This is less combative, but requires you to be always on the run. The second option is to write a letter — to the couple or someone higher in the church hierarchy — clarifying that since the interview was both more formal and more personal than you had expected, you trust that any information shared will be held in the strictest confidence — like any other intimate information revealed to church personnel.

Dear Miss Manners: I have developed an allergy to shellfish, and it appears that my reactions to it are increasing. Whereas initially, I just had hives when I’d eat something like shrimp, I can now have a reaction if I’m just sitting near someone who’s eating it.

This is new to me, so I’m trying to navigate the best I can. I strive to be as polite as I can at all times. If I’m invited to a restaurant, I have started reviewing the menu online before I go so I know what I’m safe eating. However, someone I’m with might order shellfish, and I can’t tell someone else what not to eat.

I was discussing this with someone yesterday and told them that, if I’m in a group and the dining guest next to me gets shrimp or lobster, I may have to quietly move to another seat. I was told this would be rude, and that I would offend the other

guest by moving — even if I gently explained the reason.

But I must. This isn’t a matter of “I don’t like the smell of what you ordered,” but rather, “I could be in the hospital gasping for breath if I don’t get away immediately.”

To counter what some may argue, yes, I do carry an injectable allergy treatment for emergencies. However, the purpose of that is to buy a few moments to get to the ER; it’s not a magical “get out of the situation without any reactions” solution. To stay safe, I need to get some distance from the offending food.

Short of never going out to eat again, I’m not sure what to do. What’s a Gentle Reader to do that’s acceptable and polite?

Gentle reader: Normally, Miss Manners asks her Gentle Readers to refrain from discussing their allergies and food restrictions except when specifically asked. But yours is a notable exception.

Warning your dinner companions in advance and offering to research a suitable restaurant is the first step. The next is discreetly informing your server of your situation when you get there so that the kitchen is alerted.

However, if you still fear that there may be shrimp in the air, you may say to a less proximate dinner guest, “Alistair, do you mind switching seats with me? I’m afraid that Margolit’s shellfish might get the better of me and I don’t want to cause a scene.”

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.



Straight acetone is the most effective way to remove nail polish. DREAMSTIME



Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I have recently fallen in love with Sally Hansen Insta-Dri nail polish. It literally dries in a minute as advertised and stays on chip-free for a good week after one coat. However, when the time comes for me to remove it, I have not found a nail polish remover that can penetrate it without putting in lots of time rubbing, and extra applications of remover. I am hoping that you know of a nail polish remover that can do the job with this wonderful polish without requiring an hour of work to get it all off.

— Martha W.
Dear Martha: Nail polish has come a long way since the days when the main complaint was that it chipped in minutes — OK, maybe hours — barely staying intact long enough to even bother with painting our nails. With the introduction of long wear, short dry time, gel polish and such, the opposite is true. How to get the stuff off? Straight acetone is the most effective way

to remove polish. It is particularly effective on salon-enhanced (artificial) nails. One hundred percent acetone is what’s used at many salons to remove polish (and the fake nails beneath). However, like many good things, there’s a downside: Straight acetone can dry out your nails and the skin surrounding them.

If that doesn’t scare you off, 100% acetone is available at drugstores, Sally Beauty and big-box cosmetics stores like Ulta Beauty and Sephora. And the higher the acetone percentage in nail polish removers, the more effective the removal process. Also, polish remover manufacturers, recognizing the problem of hard-to-remove polish, have introduced products labeled “Ultra-Powerful” (Cutex), “The Stripper” (Deborah Lippmann), “Scrubbers” (Butter London), “Professional Maximum Strength” (Onyx), “Offly Fast” (CND) and “Expert Touch” (OPI). You’ll need to be the judge of whether these are any better than the remover you didn’t like or just a bunch of hype for the same old formulas in new bottles.

Angelic readers

From Terri H: “Judy A. wrote you that she

wanted to sell some shoes but didn’t want to list them on eBay because she didn’t want to participate in an auction and preferred a set price, and she didn’t want to be paid through PayPal: EBay no longer pays sellers through PayPal. EBay now requires bank account information. Plus, you can list an item for a specific price (not an auction). It will stay posted until sold at that price. You can change the price up or down if you’d like at any time before someone buys the item. You can also check a box to take offers from people (you do not have to accept them ... heck, you don’t even need to reply back, you can set minimum sale prices and eBay will auto reply based on settings you’ve set). Other alternatives for selling are Facebook Marketplace, Nextdoor and all sorts of selling groups on Facebook. All those are free.” Reader Judith M. also pointed out the flat price option: “no bidding required.”

Now it’s your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel@angelic.com.

Readily available test would be ‘game-changing’

Early Alzheimer’s diagnosis possible with blood analysis

By Lisa M. Krieger
San Jose Mercury News

Even in the prime of our lives, while still healthy and clever, our brains may be secretly developing the deadly plaques and tangles of Alzheimer’s disease. The first sign of trouble is memory loss — and, by then, damage is done. But innovative new blood tests can now detect these hidden signs of disease, years before the onset of heartbreaking symptoms.

The tests are not yet recommended for widespread screening of the general public, because improvements are needed. But newly released data about the first FDA-approved version by C2N Diagnostics, shows that it’s 81% accurate in identifying levels of a brain protein that is a hallmark sign of Alzheimer’s disease. For the first time, the test is being used in a major National Institutes of Health-funded drug study at 75 medical centers.

“When is the best time to put out a fire? When it starts,” said Dr. Julio Rojas-Martinez of UC San Francisco’s Memory and Aging Center, which is using the test to identify people as young as 55 to participate in NIH’s AHEAD study, aimed at finding drugs to delay memory loss before symptoms begin.

Once refined and more widely available, he said, these blood tests “will be revolutionary, in that we will be able to detect who’s at risk.” While current drugs can only delay cognitive decline, not prevent it, this would enable people to enroll in research trials as early as possible.

Alzheimer’s disease, the most common form



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of dementia among older adults, is a brain disorder that slowly destroys memory, thinking skills and even the ability to carry out the simplest tasks. According to the Alzheimer’s Association, it afflicts 1 in 9 people older than 65.

As long as two decades before symptoms, we’re accumulating toxic levels of proteins, called amyloid and tau, which form plaques and tangles.

Memory loss appears after once-healthy brain cells stop functioning, lose connections and die.

Currently, the disease is diagnosed through memory tests by a skilled neurologist, then confirmed through a costly positron emission tomography (PET) scan of the brain or an invasive spinal tap puncture to get cerebrospinal fluid. While genetic tests can help predict risk, they don’t describe the dynamic state of a brain.

“So often, people go without being identified as having Alzheimer’s or a related disorder,” said Elizabeth Edgerly, director of the Alzheimer’s Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada. “The diagnostic process can be a challenge.”

At age 58, “I definitely was having memory issues, but people just kind of dismissed it,” said Pam Montana, now 66, of Danville, California, a former sales executive at Intel whose agile mind could no longer memorize complex engineering concepts.

“Diagnosis was really a struggle for me,” she said. “I’m chatty, and had a cute outfit on, and makeup, and they said ‘You look great.’ Everybody thinks Alzheimer’s is a grandma in a wheelchair.”

Only during a routine conversation at the doctor’s office — when she couldn’t

remember where she earned her graduate degree — did alarms go off.

Her diagnosis was later confirmed by a high-tech PET scan, which involves an injection of radio-tracing fluid and lying motionless in a long tube. A diagnosis may be even harder if a patient lacks access to medical specialists and high-tech tests.

“If there was somebody that could just draw my blood and say, ‘Yeah, you have this, or you have that,’ then we could take it from there,” she said.

With so few treatments available for the debilitating condition, why might a test be useful?

“Early diagnosis is extremely helpful for several reasons,” said Lena Chow of Palo Alto, California, who cared for her late husband, Bob Kuhar, a long-distance runner and engineer with a doctorate in clinical psychology.

“There are lifestyle changes and numerous strategies, such as programs for ensuring socialization, to improve the quality of life. There are also pragmatic reasons, such as taking away the driver’s license, for safety.”

A major advance in Alzheimer’s research built the foundation for testing: the so-called “biomarker revolution,” which made it possible to detect plaques and tangles. A test measures the biomarkers that leak into the bloodstream. But reliability proved elusive. Due to the blood-brain barrier, biomarkers couldn’t be found in sufficient quantities. And blood is a soup of many different substances, so traditional tools delivered inconsistent results.

Now, with the advent of better analytical techniques, even tiny amounts of these biomarkers can be detected. “Our big leap

PEOPLE’S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Onion syrup an old-fashioned concoction for kids’ coughs

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
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Q: Now that it is cold season, you might be interested in my favorite remedy. When I was a kid, my German mother would chop up an onion and boil it in wine and honey. She would then strain the liquid and boil it down some more. When that concoction cooled, it was our cough syrup. As for herself, at the first sign of a cold or sore throat, she would make an onion/tomato sandwich on sourdough bread and eat it.

A: Thank you for this reminiscence. We have heard from a number of readers who were given onion syrup for coughs when they were kids. There are multiple versions, some using honey, while others sweeten the onion with sugar.

Nigerian scientists reported that onion extract is active against several types of bacteria that cause respiratory tract infections (West Indian Medical Journal, September 2003). Sadly, we have found no clinical trials on onion syrup.

Readers have offered stories like yours, though. Here is one: “My grandmother (who would have been 99 at the end of this month) used to make this remedy for us when we were kids. I remember onion and sugar but thought there was something else in it. Nope, that’s it! I just made it for my 5-year-old son, who got a bad cough at school (not COVID). It still works like a charm. I switched it up a bit and used raw local honey as the sweetener.” That is probably smart.



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A review of six randomized controlled trials found that plain honey relieved children’s coughs better than placebo (Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, April 10, 2018). Don’t give raw honey to babies under a year old because of the risk of botulinum toxin.

Q: Several months ago, you wrote about combining juice and pectin for a sore knee. Back then, I didn’t need to know anything more about it. Now, though, my knee aches, and I’d really like the recipe.

A: This classic remedy is usually described as Certo (liquid fruit pectin) in purple grape juice. No one has studied this as an arthritis treatment. However, recent research shows that a combination of bilberry and red grape juice lowers inflammation in blood and body tissues (BMC Nutrition, Nov. 22, 2021). Bilberries are closely related to blueberries.

Q. I went to pharmacy school and worked as a pharmaceutical sales representative. I was also married to a phar-

macist for decades. Pharmaceutical companies have far too much power. To fight back, we need scientific tests of herbal cures and vitamins. Big Pharma will never do this, because there is no money to be made from herbs.

However, as an 80-year-old who takes only magnesium and a vitamin, I can attest to beet juice and red hibiscus tea for lowering blood pressure, and magnesium to strengthen bones and eliminate bedtime muscle cramping and restless leg syndrome. I have been badgered many times to take blood pressure medicine when I was sick and my readings were a bit high. By resisting, I am still healthy with 120 over 76 average readings.

A: You are right that hibiscus tea and beet juice can lower blood pressure. So can magnesium (Magnesium Research, Aug. 1, 2021).

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Diabetes on the rise among those 20 and younger in US

Mayo Clinic

Q: I recently noticed that my 7-year-old daughter has been drinking more water than usual, even though her activity has not increased. A neighbor mentioned that I should have her screened for diabetes. My daughter is not overweight nor does she eat excessive amounts of sugar. Should I take her to her doctor?

A: Hydration is important for adults and children. But anytime children act out of the ordinary, it’s logical to be concerned about their health. You should contact your daughter’s pediatrician or primary health care provider to talk about any changes that may be a sign of a more serious condition.

More than 34 million Americans are living with diabetes. And many of them are children and adolescents. Cases of Type 1 diabetes and Type 2 diabetes are on the rise among those 20 and younger in the U.S., according to a study last year by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases among children and teens, and is the result of the body not being able to process sugar, or glucose, properly.

Most of the sugar in people’s bodies comes from the food they eat. When food is digested, sugar enters the bloodstream. Moving sugar from the bloodstream to the body’s cells requires the hormone insulin. People with diabetes lack insulin or are unable to process insulin.

Type 1 diabetes, which is the most common in children, is an autoimmune condition in which the



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body no longer produces insulin. The exact cause of Type 1 diabetes is unknown. There’s no cure for Type 1 diabetes, but it can be managed. This type of diabetes is not caused by being overweight, eating too much sugar or not taking part in enough physical activity.

Type 2 diabetes is a chronic disease that also affects the way the body processes sugar, but this type is fueled by obesity. Although Type 2 diabetes occurs more commonly in adults, an increasing number of children are affected due to the obesity epidemic. However, most children do not develop Type 2 diabetes before puberty.

While the exact cause of Type 2 diabetes is unknown, family history and genetics appear to play an important role. Inactivity and excess fat also seem to be important factors. Often, changes in diet and exercise are enough to manage Type 2 diabetes in children. However, oral medications and insulin treatment may be needed for some children.

Although diabetes may not run in your family, it is still possible that your daughter could develop childhood diabetes.

was to detect these small molecules with very low concentrations in plasma,” said Rojas-Martinez. The new tests “are 1,000 times more sensitive. That’s what makes this enterprise possible.”

The most immediate application is for research. If patients can be identified quickly and easily, it would lower the cost of drug trials. Billions of dollars have been spent on designing treatments, with almost nothing to show for it.

“A blood test is so much more affordable, and more readily accepted,” said Edgerly.

Tests aren’t yet ready for general use. That’s because more work is needed to evaluate their performance in real-world clinical settings. And some clinicians question the prognostic value, noting that people may live with plaques in their brain and never develop symptoms.

Furthermore, analysis is technically challenging. It requires a mass spectrometer and other specialized equipment. Blood samples need rapid centrifugation and freezing, procedures that are beyond the current capabilities of most average laboratories.

But companies are racing to create simpler, cheaper and easier tests that are fit for widespread clinical use. Some look for signs of amyloid; others, tau; still others, the ratio of the two.

The tests will continue to improve, said Rojas-Martinez. But until then, “our emphasis should be to provide care, helping the family prepare and plan for the future.”

For now, the test by C2N Diagnostics is the only one available, through an order by a physician. But at least eight other tests are in the pipeline.

“In the next year or so, a test could be readily available,” predicted Edgerly. “And that would be game-changing.”

Increased thirst and increased urination are often the first signs that something is amiss. Excess sugar building up in your child’s bloodstream pulls fluid from tissues. As a result, your child becomes thirstier.

Symptoms of Type 1 diabetes tend to develop rapidly in young people; whereas, Type 2 diabetes symptoms develop over time and may be so gradual that you do not notice. Even if your daughter has not exhibited any other signs of diabetes, you should call her pediatrician or health care provider to determine next steps. If your daughter is found to have diabetes, you likely will be referred to a pediatric endocrinologist for ongoing care. As scary as it might sound to have a child diagnosed with diabetes, the condition is manageable, and patients can go on to be active and have good quality of life.

— Ana Creo, M.D., Pediatric Endocrinology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

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BOOKS IN 2021

‘Everything feels very magnified’

Book industry closes another pandemic year with increased sales and backlash

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Books and authors mattered in 2021, sometimes more than the industry wanted. A 22-year-old poet became a literary star. The enthusiasms of young people on TikTok helped revive Colleen Hoover’s “It Ends With Us” and other novels released years earlier. Conservatives pushed to restrict the books permitted in classrooms at a time when activists were working to expand them. And the government decided that the merger of two of the country’s biggest publishers might damage an invaluable cultural resource: authors. “Everything feels very magnified,” says the prize-winning novelist Jacqueline Woodson, whose books have been challenged by officials in Texas and elsewhere. “One day I hear that Texas is trying to ban (the Woodson novels) ‘Red at the Bone’ and ‘Brown Girl Dreaming,’ and the next moment we see Amanda Gorman speaking truth to power. Maybe it’s because of social media or the pandemic, but it all feels much more intense,” she says. Sales were strong in 2020, the first year of the pandemic, and climbed higher in 2021. The number of books sold through the end of November increased by 10% over 2020, and by 20% over the pre-pandemic year of 2019,

according to NPD BookScan, which tracks around 85% of the print market. The Association of American Publishers reported revenues of \$7.8 billion for trade books through the first 10 months of 2021, a 14% jump over last year. “You’re not hearing much these days about how people don’t read anymore,” says Allison Hill, CEO of the American Booksellers Association, the trade group for the country’s independent bookstores. A year after the ABA worried that hundreds of stores could shut down because of the pandemic, Hill says membership is growing, with more than 150 new stores opening and around 30 going out of business. Fiction was especially strong in 2021 as sales tallied by BookScan jumped more than 20% from the previous year, driven by everything from TikTok and Reese Witherspoon’s book club to a surge in manga and a wave of literary bestsellers that included Jonathan Franzen’s “Crossroads” and Anthony Doerr’s “Cloud Cuckoo Land.” With Donald Trump no longer in the White House, sales for political books dropped nearly 25%, according to BookScan. But the book world grew more politicized — starting with the question of who might, or should, release a memoir by the former president. Multimillion-dollar deals for presidents have



In 2021, conservatives pushed to restrict the books permitted in classrooms, like “Red at the Bone” and “Brown Girl Dreaming” by Jacqueline Woodson (above), at a time activists were working to expand them. JESSICA GOW/TT NEWS AGENCY 2018



“The Tyranny of Big Tech,” by Sen. Josh Hawley, was dropped by Simon & Schuster but was acquired by an independent conservative publisher. AP

been a tradition. But New York publishers were uneasy with Trump before the Jan. 6 siege of the U.S. Capitol by his supporters and have since openly distanced themselves from him and such allies as Sen. Josh Hawley, whose “The Tyranny of Big Tech” was dropped by Simon & Schuster. In response, a network of independent conservative publishers has emerged,

whether such established entities as Regnery, which acquired Hawley’s book, or new companies like All Seasons Press or the Daily Wire’s DW Books. Countless authors, famous and little-known, found an unexpected supporter in Attorney General Merrick Garland. In November, the Department of Justice announced that it would sue to block Penguin Random House’s planned purchase of Simon & Schuster, the first time in years the government had tried to stop a major publishing consolidation. The DOJ’s objection was rooted as much in art as in commerce — concern that authors would not make enough money to write. Woodson says she and other writers were stunned by the DOJ’s announcement and remembers thinking, “Wait, they’re speaking for us!” The debates about literature were never more passionate than in the country’s classrooms and

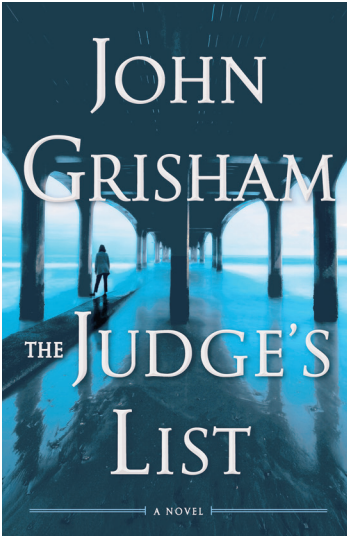
libraries. Grassroots activists such as #disrupttexts.org pushed for teachers to diversify curricula with such novels as Woodson’s “Another Brooklyn,” Jesmyn Ward’s “Salvage the Bones” and Louise Erdrich’s “The Round House.” Independent bookstores worked to donate to schools free copies of the book-length edition of the Pulitzer-winning “1619 Project,” which places slavery at the center of American history. Meanwhile, an ad for Virginia’s Republican gubernatorial candidate Glenn Youngkin, who won the race, featured a white conservative activist alleging that her son had been traumatized by an assigned high school text, “Beloved,” Toni Morrison’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a Black woman who had fled enslavement and murdered her daughter rather than allow her to be captured. Dozens of bills around

the country have been proposed or enacted that call for restrictions on books seen as immoral or unpatriotic. A state legislator in Texas, Republican Matt Krause, sent a 16-page spreadsheet to the Texas Education Agency listing more than 800 books he thought worthy of possible banning, including works by Woodson, Ta-Nehisi Coates and Margaret Atwood. Nine novels by the award-winning young adult author Julie Anne Peters, whose narratives often feature LGBT characters, were cited. “I think one reason this happens is because books have staying power,” Peters said. “You always remember the great books you’ve read. They are so influential, especially the ones in school. “Everything else is so fleeting, and changes. But once a book is there and it’s available and it represents our history and our culture, it becomes a historical reference you go back to.”

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HARDCOVER FICTION

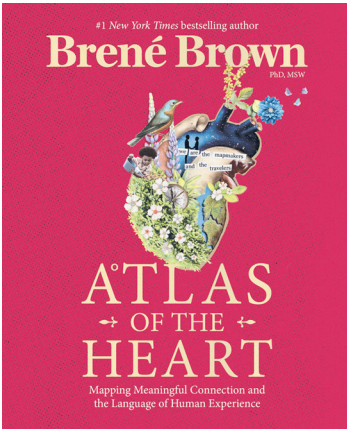
1. “The Judge’s List: A Novel” by John Grisham (Doubleday) Last week: 1



- 2. “The Wish” by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central) Last week: 3
- 3. “The Stranger in the Lifeboat” by Mitch Albom (Harper) Last week: 2
- 4. “The Lincoln Highway” by Amor Towles (Viking) Last week: 7
- 5. “Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone: A Novel (Outlander)” by Diana Gabaldon (Delacorte) Last week: 4
- 6. “Fear No Evil” by James Patterson (Little, Brown) Last week: 6
- 7. “Wish You Were Here” by Jodi Picoult (Ballantine) Last week: 5
- 8. “Cloud Cuckoo Land” by Anthony Doerr (Scribner) Last week: 9
- 9. “Billy Summers” by Stephen King (Scribner) Last week: 12
- 10. “The Last Thing He Told Me” by Laura Dave (Simon & Schuster) Last week: 15

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. “Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience” by Brene Brown (Random House) Last week: 2



- 2. “Call Us What We Carry: Poems” by Amanda Gorman (Viking) Last week: 1
- 3. “The Pioneer Woman Cooks — Super Easy!: 120 Shortcut Recipes for Dinners, Desserts, and More” by Ree Drummond (Morrow) Last week: 6
- 4. “The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, Big Pharma, and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health (Children’s Health Defense)” by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (Skyhorse) Last week: 3
- 5. “The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music” by Dave Grohl (Dey Street) Last week: 11
- 6. “The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story” by Nikole Hannah-Jones (One World) Last week: 10
- 7. “Jesus Listens: Daily Devotional Prayers of Peace, Joy, and Hope (the NEW 365-day Prayer Book)” by Sarah Young (Thomas Nelson) Last week: 7
- 8. “Guinness World Records 2022” (Guinness World Records) Last week: 9
- 9. “All American Christmas” by Rachel Campos-Duffy and Sean Duffy (Broadside) Last week: 5
- 10. “Will” by Will Smith (Penguin Press) Last week: 12

For the week ended Dec. 18, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

COFFEE TABLE BOOKS

Five lush books on nature, animals and ‘Little Women’

By Laurie Hertzell
Star Tribune

Sometimes you just want to give someone a big, lavish, glorious book. Here are five recommendations:

“Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright!”: Reading a short passage every morning is an excellent way to start the day. Some people read from religious texts; I’ve been reading daily entries in a nature journal, but poems are another good possibility. This collection, selected by Scottish author, publisher and bookseller Fiona Waters, centers on animals, mostly wild, a few tame. Bullfrogs and dragonflies, monkeys and giraffes, owls and elephants, bears and fleas. The poems she collected are from all over the world, one a day for a full calendar year. Britta Teckentrup’s digital illustrations are both startling and gorgeous. The arresting tiger image on the cover stares right out at you from the jungle foliage, inviting you in.

“The Art of the National Parks,” by Fifty-nine Parks; Earth Aware, \$45: Fifty-nine Parks is an artist collective in Texas that got its start printing posters for rock concerts — some of the artists still do that, but the group has also branched out into other areas. This book is a collection of posters they commissioned and screen-printed, celebrating the country’s national parks. It’s a lovely conglomeration of styles from artists all over the world — some give a nod to the WPA posters of old; some are beautifully realistic, some are highly stylized. Glenn Thomas’ sun-dappled forest of redwoods in Sequoia National Park



‘Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright!’ Selected by Fiona Waters, illustrated by Britta Teckentrup; Nosy Crow, 325 pages, \$40.

looks like a primeval paradise. Dan McCarthy’s star-studded night sky above Zion National Park is beautiful and mysterious. Elle Michalka chose pinks and greens to represent the buttes of Theodore Roosevelt Park; the line of horses racing across the bottom of her poster looks wild and free. A percentage of the proceeds of poster sales is donated to the national parks system.

“Shop Cats of China,” by Marcel Heijnen; Thames and Hudson, \$24.95: Cats serve a practical purpose in the small, cramped shops of China — they kill mice. But cats being cats, they do so while looking regal, insouciant and as though they are the ones employing the shopkeeper, rather than the other way around. This collection of photographs and haiku is a wonderful glimpse into the world of Chinese commerce — mom and pop bodegas, restaurants, grocery stores, butcher shops. And in each photo, sometimes a bit hard to find (but worth hunting for), an unsmiling, superior, impassive cat. Dutch photographer Marcel Heijnen has lived in Asia for nearly 30 years, and

these intimate photos don’t just make me want to travel to Beijing — they make me, a lifelong dog owner, want to get a cat.

“Little Women,” by Louisa May Alcott, curated by Barbara Heller; Chronicle Books, \$40: I have read “Little Women” so many times beginning at such an early age that I feel as though the four March girls are my own sisters (and that I, in some way, am Jo — never forget that my parents named me Laurie Jo for a reason). This edition contains the novel in full, augmented by physical reproductions of the book’s letters, manuscripts and poems, tucked into glassine envelopes that you can pull out and read. Written in old-timey scripts, the ink turned sepia (presumably from age), the paper also looking aged, these are as close as you’re going to get to actual letters from Marmee and Meg and the others. Laurie’s handwriting in his goodbye letter to Jo is appropriately flamboyant, decorated with flourishes and curlicues.

The Best Short Stories of Fyodor Dostoevsky; Folio Society, \$80: Seven stories by the Russian master, including “White Nights” and the novella-length “Notes From the Underground,” have been deftly translated by David Magarshack, introduced by none other than Joyce Carol Oates and encased in a sturdy black slipcase. Stark black and white engravings by Harry Brockway reflect the book’s dark and wintry mood. Dostoevsky, Oates notes, understands the “tragic predicament” of humans: knowing that love is the highest value, yet rejoicing in their own wickedness.

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PATRIOTS

Bills QB tries again to solve Belichick



The Bills' Josh Allen is 2-4 with eight touchdowns and six interceptions against coach Bill Belichick and the Patriots. **ADRIAN KRAUS/AP**

Allen and Co. yet to figure out best strategy against Patriots

By Christopher L. Gasper
Boston Globe

Facing Bill Belichick is a lot like learning to parallel park for aspiring elite quarterbacks. It's judging risk and spacing while constantly calculating and adjusting your angle of attack. Like parallel parking, Belichick makes you think in reverse and can get you disoriented quickly. Also, like parallel parking, just when you think you have it down, you can get easily humbled.

Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen is going to try to maneuver his team back into its preferred spot parked atop the AFC East on Sunday at Gillette Stadium, but he's going to have to navigate Belichick's schemes to do it. Belichick's brainpower and ability to baffle quarterbacks remain the biggest advantages the Patriots wield in the division they've largely lorded over since 2001, winning it all but three times since then. The main event of Sunday's clash for AFC East eminence isn't Mac Jones vs. Allen. It's Belichick vs. the AFC East's best quarterback, Allen. Whoever wins that duel will plop down in the division's driver's seat. It's up to Belichick and the

league's top defense to restore the Patriots' AFC East preeminence after a one-year hiatus. "[Allen is] the guy that makes them go, and he's become one of the top quarterbacks in the league," Belichick said last week. Belichick boasts a reputation for terrorizing young franchise quarterbacks. He basically broke Jared Goff in Super Bowl LIII in the 2018 season. Chargers passer Justin Herbert hasn't solved Belichick Rubik's Cube, completing just 50% of his passes and tossing twice as many interceptions (four) as touchdowns in two defeats. This will be the seventh time

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"I think it depends on the maturity of the players, their level of confidence, their accepting a challenge."

— Geno Auriemma, UConn women's basketball coach on the Huskies' ability to cope with injuries.



Key rotation players, from left, Paige Bueckers, Nika Muhl, Aubrey Griffin and Azzi Fudd watch from the bench with injuries during UConn's loss to Louisville on Dec. 19 at Mohegan Sun Arena. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL UCONN

Been here before

This isn't the first time the injury bug bit the Huskies. Here's what they can learn.

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

No basketball team is lucky enough to avoid injuries for an entire season. But the bout of ailments the 2021-22 UConn women's basketball team has experienced so far this year — leaving it without reigning

national player of the year Paige Bueckers as well as three other critical pieces in Azzi Fudd, Nika Mühl and Aubrey Griffin — is rather usual for the program, especially in recent years. In the Huskies' three games since losing Bueckers and Mühl, two of which were losses to currently ranked teams, they

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had just three guards available, and none of their typical point guards. Coach Geno Auriemma has mostly used a seven-player rotation after starting the season with a 14-person roster, which has since dwindled further with the transfers of Saylor Poffenbarger

and Mir McLean. To put this trying stretch into a broader context, and glean some takeaways on how the current UConn team should proceed, here is some history of similar injury woes the Huskies have faced:

Overview — 'Snake-bit' late '90s: After UConn took home its first national title in 1995, it wasn't long before Auriemma started to

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KNICKS

Walker: feat 'was amazing'

He's 7th NBA player with a triple-double on Christmas over Hawks

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kemba Walker couldn't have envisioned this Christmas. Less than two weeks ago, his coach wouldn't even call his name. On Saturday, his hometown fans were chanting it. Walker became the seventh NBA player with a triple-double on Christmas, and the New York Knicks beat the depleted Atlanta Hawks 101-87 for their first win on the holiday in a decade. "It was amazing," Walker said. "Those are moments that you dream about. "It's kind of hard to put it into words, to be honest." Julius Randle had 25 points and 12 rebounds for the Knicks in a matchup of teams that met in the first round of last season's playoffs. But the Hawks were missing Trae Young among nine players in the NBA's health and safety protocols, so it wasn't much of a rematch of Atlanta's five-game victory. Walker finished with 10 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds. The 6-foot guard raced around the floor trying desperately for his 10th rebound for much of the second half, finally getting it in the fourth quarter when Mitchell Robinson's block came to him. It was the first triple-double on Christmas since Golden State's Draymond Green in 2017, continuing Walker's strong stretch since going from a nine-game stint out

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Knicks guard Kemba Walker drives against Hawks guard Skylar Mays in the second half of Saturday's game in New York. Walker had 10 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds in the Knicks' victory. **ADAM HUNGER/AP**

Safety Tip of the Day

A variety of factors contribute to the deterioration of wiper blades, including sunlight, debris, moisture, and misuse, such as running them at a high speed to remove ice from your windshield.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Cavs sign Bickerstaff to extension



Cavaliers coach J.B. Bickerstaff has received a multiyear contract extension for his role in the team's dramatic turnaround. Cleveland announced Bickerstaff's signing Saturday. Terms of the deal were not released. ESPN reported Bickerstaff (left) is under contract through the 2026-27 season. After winning just 22 games last season, the Cavs are 19-13 and fifth in the Eastern Conference. They recently won six straight games, but were hit with a COVID-19 outbreak and had to place eight players in health protocols. The affable 42-year-old Bickerstaff took over when John Beilein walked away midway through the 2019 season. Prior to coaching in Cleveland, Bickerstaff was an interim coach in Houston and Memphis. The Cavs won only 19 games in Bickerstaff's abbreviated first season, but were showing great promise before the season was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Cleveland was ravaged by injuries last season, and finished 22-50. Expectations were low heading into this season, but the arrival of rookie forward Evan Mobley, the No. 3 overall draft pick, and veteran guard Ricky Rubio have been huge factors in the Cavs' rise.

Eagles coach clears virus protocol



Philadelphia Eagles coach Nick Sirianni has cleared the NFL's COVID-19 testing protocol and will be on the sideline for Sunday's game against the New York Giants. The team said Sirianni (left) returned to its facility on Saturday morning. The Eagles (7-7) are hoping to secure a playoff spot with a strong finish to the season. They have won two in a row and four of five overall. The Los Angeles Rams placed veteran offensive lineman Andrew Whitworth on the team's reserve/COVID-19 list. The other LA team, the Chargers, will be missing Austin Ekeler for Sunday's game at Houston. The running back tested positive on Saturday for the coronavirus and posted it on Instagram. In their game Saturday against Cleveland, the Packers were missing cornerback Kevin King and placed practice squad linebacker La'Darius Hamilton on the COVID-19 list. Cincinnati, which has a key AFC North meeting with Baltimore on Sunday, got back CB Chidobe Awuzie from the COVID-19 list, but also had to place two defensive linemen, D.J. Reader and Wyatt Ray, on that list. Ravens QB Tyler Huntley is out after testing positive for COVID-19.

Cricket legend Illingworth dies at 89



Ray Illingworth, a former England cricket captain who went on to coach the team, has died. He was 89. Illingworth (left), who led England to a 2-0 series victory in Australia in the 1970-71 Ashes, had been undergoing radiotherapy for esophageal cancer. Yorkshire, the English county Illingworth played for, announced his death on Saturday. "Our thoughts are with Ray's family and the wider Yorkshire family who held Ray so dear to their hearts," Yorkshire tweeted. Illingworth played 61 test matches for England between 1958 and 1973, scoring 1,836 runs at an average of 23.24 and he claimed 122 wickets. He captained England 31 times, winning 12 of those matches. He served as chairman of selectors for England between 1993 and 1996 and coached the national team in 1995-96. "Ray was a superb cricketer, and his deep love, passion and knowledge for the game meant he continued to contribute long after his playing days had finished," England and Wales Cricket Board chief executive Tom Harrison said.

— Associated Press



Tiger Woods and his son, Charlie, celebrate a birdie on the 13th hole during the final round of the PNC Championship at the Ritz Carlton Golf Club Grande Lakes on Dec. 19 in Orlando, Fla. **SAM GREENWOOD/GETTY**

THE YEAR IN SPORTS AN ODE TO 2021

Back in the game ... sort of

A year when games and fans came off the bench

By **Fred Lief**
Associated Press

Essentially better, wouldn't you say? Fans back in the stands and games back in play. Clearly more settled but far from routine: Some shots from the arc, some for the vaccine. A year on the rebound crisscrossing sports. A year next to normal, progress of sorts.

First quarter

The New Year strikes, ignite the flame. Bama, Buckeyes reach title game. Browns and playoffs: Now there's a match. DeVonta Smith, a Heisman catch. A limb falls from the Dodger tree — Tom Lasorda was 93. Tide surges in a dull affair To send Nick Saban past the Bear. Nets nab Harden, aiming higher. Jags try likewise, Urban Meyer. Australian tennis, quarantine. Olympics nearing, what's it mean? A star grows dim in baseball's sky As Henry Aaron passes by. Bucs, Brady ride on cruise control And stay at home for Super Bowl. Chiefs dethroned, Tampa Bay is king And Brady gets his seventh ring. Lombardi Trophy tossed from boat — Pass completed by football's GOAT. A morning drive, a roll, a tree — Woods wrecks his speeding SUV. Shattered leg, orthopedic mess. Any more golf? Anyone's guess. Kyle Larson, banned for racist crack, Returns and wins, Las Vegas track. Conference tournaments, disarray. Coronavirus comes to play. Drew Brees retires, time to go. Roy Williams follows, ends the show. March Madness not the same event, The games now played in one big tent. But NCAA proves all thumbs — Men get red carpet. Women? Crumbs.

Second quarter

Opening Day but no at-bats When COVID scraps the Mets at Nats. Atlanta stripped of All-Star Game, With Georgia's voting law to blame. Gonzaga gasps, comes up for air On Jalen Suggs' half-court prayer. Stanford women make curtain call, Beat Arizona, Pac-12 ball.

Next night, the Baylor Bears shift gears. Zags' perfect season disappears. Matsuyama, the Masters man, Sets major milestone for Japan. Rich Euro clubs conspire, bolt. Rogue league shot down as fans revolt. Medina Spirit, Churchill Downs; Bob Baffert, seven Derby crowns. Failed drug test puts the win in doubt And Churchill Downs kicks Baffert out. Happy birthday! Let it be sung: Mays is 90, forever young. No Baffert, here's how Preakness goes: Rombauer wins, Medina shows. Games greenlighted by IOC Even if COVID's running free. Mickelson takes the PGA. Oh, he believes in yesterday. French Open comes, Osaka goes And speaks of pain that no one knows, The mental anguish she can't shake — It's simply time to take a break. Jon Rahm nears Memorial rout — A COVID test then knocks him out. Djokovic dodges five-set jam, Tsitsipas falls — halfway to Slam. Can college athletes play for pay? Supreme Court rules, resounding yea.

Third quarter

Hardly baseball's finest hour — What to do with Trevor Bauer? Again, the Lightning win it all. No Stanley Cup for Montreal. Another twist, Olympic plans: No roaring crowds; in fact, no fans. Raise a glass, a dry martini — Novak knocks off Berrettini. Twentieth Slam, Wimbledon spree. His Grand Slam quest? He's 3 for 3. Euros: Italy. Down go Brits, Pelted with racist online hits. Tour de France, it's two in a row: Tadej Pogacar runs this show. Milwaukee Bucks now live the dream, Their crown last won when with Kareem. Giannis shifts to higher gear, Suns go in six — best "Fear the Deer." At last, the Tokyo Games begin Much to the public's great chagrin. Cauldron's lit by Osaka's hands Before near empty, ghostlike stands. All eyes soon turn to Simone Biles, Her tribulations and her trials, Not least the "twisties," so we learned, Where up from down can't be discerned.

Still, bright lights burn, and we behold: Caeleb Dressel, his haul of gold; Thompson-Herah, double sprint queen; Allyson Felix, evergreen; Karsten Warholm, eye-popping race; Sunisa Lee, resplendent grace. Then Texas, Oklahoma flee And fatten the fat SEC. Scherzer to Dodgers, deadline day. Westbrook's home with James in L.A. Baseball goes to where myths are born: "Field of Dreams," with plenty of corn. Pacquiao loses and now leans Toward run to lead the Philippines. In Congress, gymnasts testify — Ignored, betrayed by FBI.

Fourth quarter

Women's soccer rocked by abuse. League leader quits, coaches cut loose. Talladega, Wallace's place, At every turn a landmark race. Fury stops Wilder, fierce right hook. A trilogy ends. Close the book. Jon Gruden resigns. Coarse and vile, His emails spewing endless bile. Tide's big winning streak hits a wall. Boston Marathon's run in fall. Irving's unvaxxed — it's "best for me" — And barred from games in NYC. Seattle Kraken, league's new guy. Light streaks across Chicago Sky. Lost in the muck most of the year, Braves ascend to another sphere. Riley, Swanson, Jorge Soler. 'Stros fall in six; Braves walk on air. Then Aaron Rodgers theorized His "research" finds he's "immunized." College basketball's underway — A long goodbye for Duke's Coach K. Tennis shaken amid great fears — Chinese star Peng Shuai disappears. Staples Center stripped of its name — Cryptocurrency stakes its claim. Why are Kelly, Notre Dame through? Ninety-five million, LSU. Time's up for baseball's CBA, With Scherzer, Seager making hay. Player lockout. Here's where things stand: A sport shuts down in no-man's land. Bryce Young extends Tide's Heisman run. Family golf for Woods & Son. Basketball stands on guard with thee: Stephen Curry, king of the 3. Team and coach a dumpster fire, Jags get rid of Urban Meyer. Now, with caution, we eye the door. Omicron's surging. What's in store? Still, we'll toast and lower the ball (New Year's protocol, after all).

SOCCER

Boxing Day battles rule on Sunday

Associated Press

A look at what's happening in European soccer on Sunday with the Premier League the only major competition in action with its Boxing Day program:

ASTON VILLA vs CHELSEA

Aston Villa manager Steven Gerrard will be absent while self-isolating after testing positive for the coronavirus having seen an outbreak in the squad lead to last weekend's game against Burnley being postponed. Romelu Lukaku and Callum Hudson-Odoi can return for Chelsea. The forwards were two of the eight Chelsea players out with COVID-19 but they are back in training. Defender Andreas Christensen is also in contention after a back injury.

BRIGHTON vs BRENTFORD

Striker Danny Welbeck is poised to end a three-month injury absence for Brighton. Midfielder Pascal Gross and forward Neal Maupay are also expected to be available after missing Brighton's loss to Wolverhampton but defender Lewis Dunk is out. Adam Webster has returned to training after injury and could be in contention and another defender, Shane Duffy, returns after serving a one-match ban but midfielder Yves Bissouma is suspended.

MAN CITY vs LEICESTER

Jack Grealish and Phil Foden could return for leader Manchester City after being left on the bench at Newcastle last week for disciplinary breaches. Defender Kyle Walker will hope to return after a fitness issue while forward Ferran Torres, currently sidelined with a broken foot, looks to have played his final game for the club as he nears a move to Barcelona. Leicester manager Brendan Rodgers is hoping his players will bounce back quickly from losing on penalties to Liverpool in the quarterfinals of the League Cup.

NORWICH vs ARSENAL

Norwich manager Dean Smith is again dealing with coronavirus concerns, with the last-place club waiting on PCR results to determine who will be available having seen the previous game at West Ham called off. Milot Rashica (groin) is not yet back in contention, while Mathias Normann (pelvis) is set for an extended spell on the sidelines. Arsenal is expected to be without forward Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang for a fifth consecutive match following recent internal disciplinary action. Sead Kolasinac (ankle) is also absent while Pablo Mari, Calum Chambers and Albert Sambi Lokonga have all tested positive for COVID-19 in recent days.

TOTTENHAM vs CRYSTAL PALACE

Tottenham manager Antonio Conte has no new injury concerns, although Ryan Sessegnon misses out again with a muscular problem. Crystal Palace will be without James McArthur due to a hamstring injury. The south London club has not played for 10 days after last weekend's match at Watford was postponed due to the opposition dealing with a coronavirus outbreak and now Palace has infections in the squad. Tottenham is in seventh place, six points behind fourth-place Arsenal but with three games in hand, while Palace is 11th.

WEST HAM vs SOUTHAMPTON

West Ham is set to be without Michail Antonio after he tested positive for coronavirus. Aaron Cresswell (ribs) remains doubtful while Vladimir Coufal serves a one-game ban for his recent dismissal at Arsenal.

POSTPONEMENTS

Three of the nine matches scheduled for Sunday were postponed due to coronavirus outbreaks: Burnley vs. Everton, Liverpool vs. Leeds and Wolverhampton vs. Watford.



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Tuesday: at Xavier, 7 p.m.,
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Wednesday: vs. Marquette
(at XL Center), 7 p.m., SNY

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GIANTS

Fromm prepares for first start as quarterback vs. Eagles

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

Giants fans are eager to see Jake Fromm's first NFL start on Sunday against the Eagles in Philadelphia, mainly because he isn't Mike Glennon, the Giants' losing starter their past three games.

But there really is no telling what The Full Fromm will look like compared to his

one respectable fourth-quarter drive in last weekend's pro debut against Dallas.

That's why the fans should be careful what they wish for when the Giants (4-10) take on the Eagles (7-7). Fromm was buried fourth on the Buffalo Bills' depth chart and practice squad before the Giants signed him three weeks ago.

"There's a drastic differ-

ence between starting an NFL game and just coming in at the end," Giants coach Joe Judge said of Fromm's 6-for-8 passing for 82 yards against Dallas. "There's a lot of things you're going to see structurally, defensively, the situations in the game. Playing the entire game is a lot different than coming in at the end of the game and just playing a snapshot for us."

Judge had nothing to lose and no choice but to give Fromm a chance against the Giants' division rival, however, given Glennon's clear and unwatchable deficiencies. So it's up to the former Georgia stand-out Fromm to manage a low-scoring game the way Daniel Jones did in a 13-7 Giants win one month ago in New Jersey.

"I'm very confident in myself and what I can do," Fromm, 23, said last week. "Winning football games is winning football games. Sometimes it may be pretty. It may not be, but at the end of the day, all that matters is a 'W' in the column. However we can do it, however it happens, let's just go do it. Looking to go 1-0 this week." Jones sprained his neck

in that Week 12 win over the Eagles, ending his 2021 season. The Giants' season ended with his.

They will likely be officially eliminated from playoff contention Sunday by one of several scenarios, courtesy of Elias Sports Bureau: a Giants loss or tie, or a win or tie by the New Orleans Saints, Atlanta Falcons, Minnesota Vikings or Washington.

UP NEXT

Patriots: Bills, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Giants: at Eagles, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Jets: Jaguars, Sunday, 1 p.m.
UConn MBB: at Xavier, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Butler (XL), Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Seton Hall, Jan. 8, noon
UConn WBB: Marquette (XL), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at DePaul, Friday, 2 p.m.; at Georgetown, Jan. 5, 7 p.m.
Celtics: at Timberwolves, Monday, 8 p.m.; Clippers, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Suns, Friday, 1 p.m.
Knicks: at Timberwolves, Tuesday, 8 p.m.; at Pistons, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Thunder, Friday, 8 p.m.
Nets: at Clippers, Monday, 10:30 p.m.; 76ers, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Clippers, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: at Harvard, Jan. 2, 7 p.m.; at Boston Coll., Jan. 8, 4 p.m.; Boston Univ., Jan. 14, 7 p.m.
Bruins: Penguins, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Senators, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Sabres, Saturday, 1 p.m.
Rangers: Red Wings, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Panthers, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Lightning, Friday, 7 p.m.
Wolf Pack: at Bridgeport, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Providence, Friday, 3 p.m.; Rochester, Jan. 2, 3 p.m.

TV/RADIO

FOOTBALL
1 p.m.: Bills at Patriots. (Live) CBS
1 p.m.: Giants at Eagles. (Live) FOX
4 p.m.: Bears at Seahawks. (Live) FOX
4:25 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) CBS
8:20 p.m.: Washington at Cowboys. (Live) NBC
HOCKEY
2 p.m.: IIHF World Junior Championship Finland vs Germany. (Live) NHL
4:30 p.m.: IIHF World Junior Championship Russia vs Sweden. (Live) NHL
7 p.m.: IIHF World Junior Championship Czech Republic vs Canada. (Live) NHL
9:30 p.m.: IIHF World Junior Championship USA vs Slovakia. (Live) NHL
SOCCER
7:30 a.m.: Premier League Liverpool vs Leeds United. (Live) USA
10 a.m.: Premier League Tottenham Hotspur vs Crystal Palace. (Live) USA TELE
12:30 p.m.: Premier League Soccer Aston Villa vs Chelsea. (Live) NBC TELE
WINTER SPORTS
3 p.m.: FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup: Women's Giant Slalom. (Taped) NBC

Huskies

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believe the program was "snake bit." Despite having plenty of talent poised to establish a championship tradition in Storrs, a rash of injuries to star players hindered the Huskies from making the Final Four from 1997-1999. Auriemma was left fearing his program would end up a one-hit wonder.

In the first round of 1997 NCAA Tournament, UConn lost Shea Ralph, then a freshman spark-plug off the bench, to an ACL tear. The next season, the Huskies were without Ralph all season after she re-tore the ligament in August, as well as Nykeshia Sales after the All-American ruptured an Achilles tendon against Notre Dame on Senior Day. Svetlana Abrosimova took the reins of that team as a freshman, but even she was hobbled in the NCAA Tournament that year with a stress fracture in her left foot. The Huskies would lose to NC State in the 1998 Elite Eight and, eight games into the following season (1998-99), a promising freshman point guard by the name of Sue Bird tore an ACL in practice and was done for the year.

The Huskies finally broke that stroke of misfortune when they stayed healthy and won it all in 2000, but more troubles came their way in 2000-01: Ashley Schumacher dealt with injuries early on, but most significantly Abrosimova and Ralph —lauded at the time as a national player of the year candidate and the heart of the team, respectively —suffered season-ending ligament tears (the former in a foot, the latter an ACL) late in the season.

Closest parallel — 1998-99: The 1998-99 season may offer the closest parallel to what this season's UConn team has experienced. A team that had scored 100 points in 11 of its first 16 games suddenly found itself without not just Bird, but Swin Cash when she was diagnosed with a stress fracture in her right leg in late December. She missed three games and played limited minutes in four others, including UConn's losses to Tennessee and Louisiana Tech, before she was shut down to properly heal.



UConn's Paige Sauer, right, Tamika Williams, rear center, and Swin Cash celebrate after the shorthanded Huskies defeated Rutgers on Jan. 27, 1999. **DANIEL HULSHIZER/AP**

Then Ralph and Amy Duran suffered injuries against Miami in mid-January. Missing four of their top six players, the Huskies fell to Boston College the next game for the first time in nine years, also the first time since 1993 that they lost three games in a two-week span.

"For 11 years, we never had to worry about anyone missing more than one or two games. I guess we used [the luck] all up," Auriemma said in January of that season. "I guess it's a test. I've resigned myself to the situation, however. It is what it is. You just have to go on with the guys you have. If it doesn't get done, it doesn't get done."

The road didn't get any easier with Rutgers, a top-15 team and UConn's Big East rival, up next. Behind Abrosimova's heroics, the Huskies came away with a 56-55 victory. The Russian transplant compared the locker room feeling to "like we had won the national championship."

The Huskies went on to win a share of the Big East regular season title and take home the conference tournament crown before falling in the Sweet 16 to Iowa State, 64-58. Having so many players in and out of the rotation (due to injury or unsatisfactory play), the Huskies were constantly tinkering with their style of play. They didn't have enough time to figure things out.

"We never had a chance to be together long enough to improve [from November to March]," Auriemma said after the loss. "Every time we got really good at something, we had to change the kids we were playing. We never settled into a routine. We never had a sense of

who the go-to players were, who the leaders were, who would distribute and rebound the ball. It never felt like there was any continuity."

He added: "We had the type of players who were young enough to keep things going when things were going good. But if things didn't pan out, we were going to need some help from the other team. And that's a bad way to go into the NCAAs"

Fresh on Auriemma's mind — 1997 vs. 2001: The '97 and '01 teams were fresh on Auriemma's mind this month when he was asked to consider what allows teams to rally around a teammate's injury and not let such curveballs derail them.

In '97, the Huskies "were the best team in America by 100 miles," Auriemma said, sporting an undefeated record with only one game up to that point decided by single figures. But when Ralph tore an ACL, "the entire team reacted horribly to that. ... They actually reacted as if someone has passed away, and it cost us in the NCAA Tournament," Auriemma continued. "We ended up losing in the Final Eight [91-81 to a 10-loss Tennessee team] where we could have won had we handled it differently."

Ralph's teammates realized that contemporaneously, too.

"We didn't handle it well when it happened to Shea," Sales said the following year.

"We were scared, playing not to lose," added Duran. "Then we barely escaped against Illinois [in the Sweet 16, 78-73] and there was just so much pressure on us."

Fast-forward from that,

and Auriemma thought his team handled it "exceptionally well" when Abrosimova and Ralph were sidelined for the remainder of the 2001 season. The team even felt the difference in the moment.

"We just didn't do it right [in '97]. With this group I think we'll be OK," Auriemma said at the time. "In fact, we're going to be OK. There is no two ways about it. We're going to be fine."

And they were, largely behind the emergence of freshman Diana Taurasi, whom The Courant described at the time as "the patch in the fabric. The player that Auriemma had used to stitch over the loss of Abrosimova and Ralph and keep the team moving."

Taurasi wasn't quite ready for the moment in the national semifinals, infamously going 1-for-15 as the Huskies fell to eventual national champion Notre Dame, 90-75. But she did enough to help get them there in the first place, no small feat.

"I think a lot of people doubted us, especially when Shea and Svet went down," Bird said after the Huskies beat Louisiana Tech to advance to the Final Four. "Picking up the newspapers, we would read things about how we didn't have the players to get it done. The only people who knew we would make it back to the Final Four were the people in our locker room."

"It's hard to explain because of what we went through this year. I think this one's even more special."

Last time this shorthanded — 2013-14: One of UConn's six undefeated seasons was accomplished with a very short roster. Two future No. 3 WNBA draft picks, Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis and Morgan Tuck, got hurt early in the season, leaving the Huskies with just seven scholarship players and two walk-ons for about a month. At times in the season when other players got banged up, they'd only be able to field six players on scholarship.

In the grand scheme, it didn't really matter how many players the Huskies were without: They stampered over the competition in the regular season, with only one game decided by fewer than 17 points. They may have been shorthanded, but they had the

likes of Breanna Stewart, Bria Hartley, Stefanie Dolson, Moriah Jefferson, Saniya Chong and Kiah Stokes to more than make up for it.

Tuck (knee) and Mosqueda-Lewis (elbow) eventually returned, though Tuck didn't last long before being ruled out for the rest of the season. Finally (mostly) healthy, the Huskies breezed through the post-season, with their narrowest win by 15 points, on their way to the program's ninth national title.

What does this mean for the 2021-22 Huskies?: So what can the current Huskies take from all of this? On one hand, the Huskies' situation in 2021 isn't as dire as those of other teams: Their star player, Bueckers, won't be out all season, expected to return in February. Her injury occurred early enough in the season that the team has plenty of time to find ways to win without her. UConn should soon get Fudd and Mühl back, replenishing the depth in the backcourt. But as the -98-99 example showed, it can take time to re-incorporate players into the rotation.

Maybe the Huskies aren't talented enough to pull a 2013-14 run where it looked like they barely blinked an eye. But they have more time to figure things out than they in 1997-1999. Could Fudd be a Taurasi-like figure who steps up earlier than expected to help her team achieve its pre-injury goals?

Having been there for it all, Auriemma believes maturity will make all the difference down the stretch.

"I think it depends on the maturity of the players, their level of confidence, their accepting a challenge, 'Hey, now it's my time, regardless of who I think I am or what I think I am. Whatever the case may be, now's the time for me to step up and prove why I'm at Connecticut,'" he said earlier this month. "Some teams are better at that than others. Some kids are better at that than others."

What sorts of players are this season's Huskies, including Fudd and Mühl, who have yet to be tested? We're about to find out over the next six weeks.

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Patriots

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Allen tangles with Belichick. Allen is 2-4 with eight touchdowns, six interceptions and a QB rating of 77. He has completed 55.3% of his passes. He has logged

three games against Belichick without throwing a pick, including two straight. In the teams' first meeting this season, it was the howling wind and an unrelenting Patriots rushing attack as much as Belichick's defensive designs that kept Allen at bay in a 14-10 Patriots

triumph.

The first Buffalo quarterback with back-to-back 30-touchdown seasons, Allen is known more for his rail gun arm than his football IQ. But he shouldn't feel bad. Belichick induces vertigo for even the most precocious passers early in

their careers, keeping them off balance and throwing them off-kilter.

In Peyton Manning's first six games against Belichick's Patriots, including the playoffs, he was 1-5 with 11 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. He completed just 59.5% of his passes and

had a quarterback rating of 76.8. Ben Roethlisberger was 2-4 in his first six games against Belichick, tossing 12 TD passes and five interceptions while completing 57.9% of his passes and compiling a 90.9 rating.

But Belichick deflects the credit.

"You can X-and-O it all you want, but in the end, players win games," he said. "Whatever strategy, game plans or plays that we use ... ultimately, comes down to the players, their execution, decision-making and fundamentals on those plays."

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Philadelphia	16	16	.500	6
Boston	16	17	.485	6½
Toronto	14	15	.483	6½
New York	15	18	.455	7½

SOUTHEAST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	20	13	.606	—
Washington	17	15	.531	2½
Charlotte	17	17	.500	3½
Atlanta	15	17	.469	4½
Orlando	7	26	.212	13

CENTRAL				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	19	10	.655	—
Milwaukee	22	13	.629	—
Cleveland	19	13	.594	1½
Indiana	14	19	.424	7
Detroit	5	26	.161	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	19	14	.576	—
Dallas	15	16	.484	3
San Antonio	13	18	.419	5
New Orleans	12	21	.364	7
Houston	10	23	.303	9

NORTHWEST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	22	9	.710	—
Denver	15	16	.484	7
Minnesota	15	17	.469	7½
Portland	13	19	.406	9½
Oklahoma City	11	20	.355	11

PACIFIC				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	27	6	.818	—
Phoenix	26	6	.813	½
L.A. Clippers	17	15	.531	9½
L.A. Lakers	16	17	.485	11
Sacramento	13	20	.394	14

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New York 101, Atlanta 87
Milwaukee 117, Boston 113
Golden State 116, Phoenix 107
Brooklyn at L.A. Lakers, late
Dallas at Utah, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Orlando at Miami, 3:30p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 6p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 6p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 7p.m.
New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 7p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 8p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 9p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Houston at Charlotte, 7p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.
Memphis at Phoenix, 9p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10p.m.
Brooklyn at L.A. Clippers, 10:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:30p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30p.m.
Cleveland at New Orleans, 8p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8p.m.
New York at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 10p.m.
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

MLB

3RD ANNUAL ALL-MLB TEAMS	
FIRST TEAM	SECOND TEAM

CATCHER	Salvador Perez, KC	Buster Posey, SF
FIRST BASE	Vlad. Guerrero Jr., Tor	Freddie Freeman, Atl
SECOND BASE	Marcus Semien, Tor	Ozzie Albies, Atl
SHORTSTOP	Fernando Tatis Jr, SD	Trea Turner, LAD
THIRD BASE	Austin Riley, Atl	Rafael Devers, Bos
DESIGNATED HITTER	Shohei Ohtani, LAA	Yordan Alvarez, Hou
OUTFIELD	Juan Soto, Was	Nick Castellanos, Cin
	Bryce Harper, Phi	Kyle Tucker, Hou
	Aaron Judge, NYY	Teo. Hernández, Tor
STARTING PITCHERS	Max Scherzer, LAD	Shohei Ohtani, LAA
	Corbin Burnes, Mil	Julio Urias, LAD
	Walker Buehler, LAD	Kevin Gausman, SF
	Robbie Ray, Tor	Max Fried, Atl
	Gerrit Cole, NYY	Zack Wheeler, Phi
RELIEF PITCHERS	Josh Hader, Mil	Raisel Iglesias, LAA
	Liam Hendriks, CHW	Kenley Jansen, LAD

ODDS

NBA FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	SUNDAY UNDERDOG
at Miami	off	(off)	Orlando
at Sacramento	off	(off)	Memphis
at Cleveland	off	(off)	Toronto
at Washington	off	(off)	Philadelphia
at San Antonio	off	(off)	Detroit
at Okla. City	off	(off)	New Orleans
at Chicago	off	(off)	Indiana
at LA Clippers	off	(off)	Denver

COLLEGE FOOTBALL FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	MONDAY UNDERDOG
Quick Lane Bowl			
W Michigan	6	(56)	Nevada

Military Bowl			
Boston College	3	(51½)	East Carolina
Birmingham Bowl			Tuesday
Auburn	2½	(51½)	Houston

SERVPRO First Responder Bowl			
Louisville	1½	(55½)	Air Force

Liberty Bowl			
Mississippi	9	(59½)	Texas Tech

Holiday Bowl			
NC State	1	(60)	UCLA

Guaranteed Rate Bowl			
Minnesota	4	(45)	West Virginia

Fenway Bowl			Wednesday
Virginia	2	(71)	SMU

Pinstripe Bowl			
Maryland	+3	(55)	Virginia Tech

Cheez-It Bowl			
Clemson	1	(44)	Clemson

Alamo Bowl			
Oklahoma	4½	(61½)	Oregon

Duke's Mayo Bowl			Thursday
North Carolina	9	(58½)	S. Carolina

Music City Bowl			
Tennessee	4½	(63)	Purdue

Peach Bowl			
Michigan St.	2½	(57)	Pittsburgh

Las Vegas Bowl			
Wisconsin	7	(42)	Arizona St.

Gator Bowl			Friday
Wake Forest	14	(61½)	Rutgers

Sun Bowl			
Miami	2½	(59)	Washington St.

Arizona Bowl			
Boise State	8	(55½)	C. Michigan

CFP Semifinal Cotton Bowl Classic			
Alabama	13½	(58)	Cincinnati

CFP Semifinal Orange Bowl			
Georgia	8	(47)	Michigan

Outback Bowl			Sat., Jan. 1
Penn St.	2	(47)	Arkansas

Fiesta Bowl			
Notre Dame	2	(45½)	Oklahoma St.

Citrus Bowl			
Kentucky	2½	(44)	Iowa

Rose Bowl			
Ohio St.	6½	(66)	Utah

Sugar Bowl			
Baylor	E	(55)	Mississippi

Texas Bowl			Tue., Jan. 4
Kansas St.	2½	(47)	LSU

NFL WEEK 16 FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	SUNDAY UNDERDOG
at Atlanta	7	(42½)	Detroit
LA Rams	3	(48½)	at Minnesota
Tampa Bay	10	(42½)	at Carolina
at Cincinnati	7	(42)	Baltimore
LA Chargers	10½	(45½)	at Houston
at New England	1½	(43½)	Buffalo
at NY Jets	1½	(41½)	Jacksonville
Philadelphia	10	(40½)	NY Giants
at Seattle	6½	(41½)	Chicago
at Kansas City	9½	(45)	Pittsburgh
Denver	1	(41)	at Las Vegas
at Dallas	10	(47)	Washington

MONDAY FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Miami	3	(37½)	at New OrL.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Tampa Bay	30	20	6	4	44	98	80			
Toronto	30	20	8	2	42	98	76			
Florida	29	18	7	4	40	104	87			
Detroit	31	15	13	3	33	88	104			
Boston	26	14	10	2	30	71	69			
Buffalo	30	10	15	5	25	82	104			
Ottawa	28	9	17	2	20	79	101			
Montreal	31	7	21	3	17	67	109			

METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Carolina	29	21	7	1	43	95	62
Washington	31	18	6	7	43	108	81
N.Y. Rangers	30	19	7	4	42	86	77
Pittsburgh	30	17	8	5	39	91	76
Columbus	28	14	13	1	29	91	95
Philadelphia	29	12	12	5	29	77	95
New Jersey	30	10	15	5	25	82	105
N.Y. Islanders	26	8	12	6	22	57	77

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Minnesota	30	19	9	2	40	112	92			
Nashville	30	19	10	1	39	89	79			
St. Louis	31	17	9	5	39	106	85			
Colorado	27	17	8	2	36	115	91			
Winnipeg	30	14	11	5	33	90	87			
Dallas	29	15	12	2	32	82	85			
Chicago	30	11	15	4	26	72	97			
Arizona	29	6	21	2	14	56	109			

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Vegas	32	20	12	0	40	114	98
Anaheim	32	17	9	6	40	103	89
Calgary	28	15	7	6	36	87	62
Edmonton	29	18	11	0	36	101	90
Los Angeles	30	14	11	5	33	80	79
San Jose	30	15	14	1	31	78	85
Vancouver	31	14	15	2	30	81	90
Seattle	30	10	17	3	23	84	108

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY	
No games scheduled	

MONDAY'S GAMES	
All postponed.	

TUESDAY'S GAMES	
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.	
Columbus at Chicago, 7:30p.m.	
Vegas at Los Angeles, 9:30p.m.	
Arizona at San Jose, 10:30p.m.	

All-Star Weekend: Feb. 4-5, 2022
Trade Deadline: March 21.
Stanley Cup Playoffs: May 2-June 30.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

UPCOMING BOWLS	
SATURDAY'S RESULT	
Camellia Bowl, Montgomery, Ala.	
Georgia St. 51, Ball State 20	

MONDAY'S GAMES	
Quick Lane Bowl	
Nevada (8-4) vs. W. Mich. (7-5), 11a.m.	
Military Bowl, Annapolis, Md.	
Bos Coll. (6-6) vs. E. Carolina (7-5), 2:30p.m.	

TUESDAY'S GAMES	
Birmingham Bowl, Birmingham, Ala.	
#21 Houston (11-2) vs. Auburn (6-6), noon	
SERVPRO First Responder Bowl, Dallas	
Air Force (9-3) vs. Louisville (6-6), 3:15p.m.	
Liberty Bowl, Memphis, Tenn.	
Miss St. (7-5) vs. TX Tech (6-6), 6:45p.m.	
Holiday Bowl, San Diego	
UCLA (8-4) vs. NC State (9-3), 8p.m.	
Guaranteed Rate Bowl, Phoenix	
Minnesota (8-4) vs. W. Va. (6-6), 10:15p.m.	

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES	
Fenway Bowl, Boston	
Virginia (6-6) vs. SMU (8-4), 11a.m.	
Pinstripe Bowl, New York City	
Va. Tech (6-6) vs. Maryland (6-6), 2:15 p.m.	
Cheez-It Bowl, Orlando, Fla.	
#19 Clemson (9-3) vs. Iowa St. (7-5), 5:45p.m.	
Alamo Bowl, San Antonio	
#14 Okla. (10-2) vs. #15 Oregon (10-3), 9:15a.m.	

THURSDAY'S GAMES	
Duke's Mayo Bowl, Charlotte, N.C.	
S. Carolina (6-6) vs. N. Carolina (6-6), 11:30a.m.	
Music City Bowl, Nashville	
Purdue (8-4) vs. Tennessee (7-5), 3p.m.	
Peach Bowl, Atlanta	
#11 Mich St. (10-2) vs. #13 Pitt (11-2), 7p.m.	
Las Vegas Bowl, Las Vegas	
Wisconsin (8-4) vs. Arizona St. (8-4), 10:30p.m.	

FRIDAY'S GAMES	
College Football Playoff Semifinal (Orange Bowl), Miami Gardens, Fla.	
#2 Michigan (12-1) vs.	
#3 Georgia (12-1), 7:30p.m.	
College Football Playoff Semifinal (Cotton Bowl Classic), Arlington, Texas	
#1 Alabama (12-1) vs.	
#4 Cincinnati (13-0), 7:30p.m.	
Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla.	
#20 Wake Forest (10-3) vs.	
Rutgers (5-7), 10a.m.	
Sun Bowl, El Paso, Texas	
Wash. St. (7-5) vs. Miami (7-5), noon	
Arizona Bowl, Tucson, Ariz.	
C. Mich. (8-4) vs. Boise St. (7-5), 4:30 p.m.	

SATURDAY, JAN. 1	
Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla.	
#22 Arkansas (8-4) vs. Penn St. (7-5), noon	
Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.	
#17 Iowa (10-3) vs. #25 Kentucky (9-3), 1p.m.	
Fiesta Bowl, Glendale, Ariz.	
#5Notre Dame (11-1) vs.	
#9Oklahoma St. (11-2), 1p.m.	
Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.	
#7 Ohio St. (10-2) vs. #10 Utah (10-3), 5p.m.	
Sugar Bowl, New Orleans	
#6 Baylor (11-2) vs. #8 Miss. (10-2), 8:30p.m.	

TUESDAY, JAN. 4	
Texas Bowl, Houston	
LSU (6-6) vs. Kansas St. (7-5), 9p.m.	

MONDAY, JAN. 8	
CFP Championship Game, Indianapolis	
Semifinal winners, 8p.m.	

PAST BOWL RESULTS	
FRIDAY, DEC. 17	
Bahamas Bowl/Nassau, Bahamas	
Middle Tennessee 31, Toledo 24	
Cure Bowl, Orlando, Fla.	
Coastal Carolina 47, Northern Illinois 41	

SATURDAY, DEC. 18	
Boca Raton Bowl, Boca Raton, Fla.	
W. Kentucky 59, Appalachian St. 38	
Celebration Bowl, Atlanta	
S. Carolina St. 31, Jackson St. 10	
New Mexico Bowl, Albuquerque	
Fresno State 31, UTEP 24	
Independence Bowl, Shreveport, La.	
Ala-Birmingham 31, #12BYU 28	
LendingTree Bowl, Mobile, Ala.	
Liberty 56, Eastern Michigan 20	
LA Bowl, Inglewood, Calif.	
Utah St. 24, Oregon State 13	
New Orleans Bowl, New Orleans	
#16La-Lafayette 36, Marshall 21e	

MONDAY, DEC. 20	
Myrtle Beach Bowl, Conway, S.C.	
Tulsa 30, Old Dominion 17	

WEATHER

SUNDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

MONDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

TUESDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

WEDNESDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

THURSDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Morning clouds giving way to some afternoon sunshine, breezy. Northwest wind at 10 to 15 mph.

HIGH **44°**
LOW **24°**

Thickening afternoon cloudiness, seasonable. Some freezing rain or rain is possible at night.

HIGH **39°**
LOW **30°**

Considerable cloudiness, chance for a morning shower, milder.

HIGH **46°**
LOW **31°**

Mostly cloudy, chance for a few showers, some snow or icing is possible early.

HIGH **42°**
LOW **32°**

Mostly cloudy, some rain is possible late in the day.

HIGH **43°**
LOW **31°**

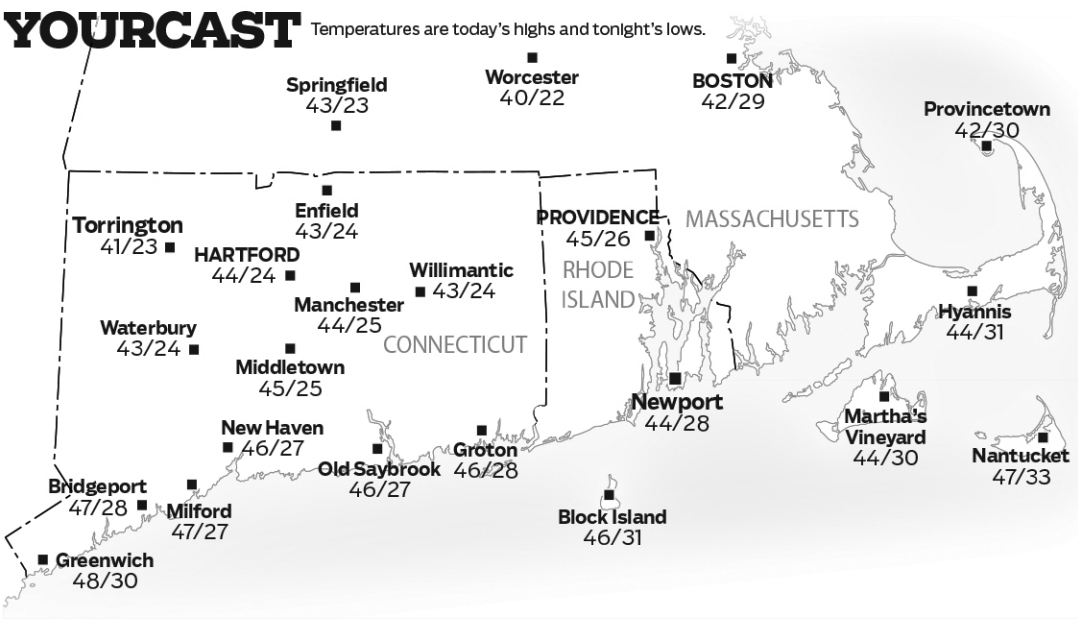
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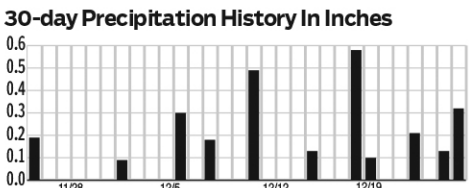
Morning clouds will give way to some sunshine on Sunday with high temperatures mainly in the low to mid-40s. It will be a breezy day with northwest winds at 10 to 15 mph and peak gusts up to 25 or 30 mph. It will be clear and cold overnight with lows in the 20s. Monday will start off with sunshine, then cloudiness will thicken in the afternoon. Highs will be in the upper 30s and low 40s. A warm front could cause light freezing rain and rain Monday night into early Tuesday. Temperatures behind the front should warm into the 40s Tuesday, but there will be considerable clouds.

-Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.32	0.12
Month to date	2.53	3.35
Total this year	54.52	46.32
Snowfall In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0	0.4
Total this year	4.2	9.7

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



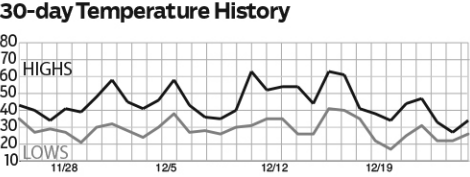
Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	2:26 a.m.	8:43 a.m.	47°
	2:24 p.m.	9:10 p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	3:37 a.m.	9:36 a.m.	45°
	3:35 p.m.	10:03 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	6:20 a.m.	1:02 a.m.	
Madison	6:18 p.m.	1:22 p.m.	
	3:40 a.m.	9:46 a.m.	43°
	3:57 p.m.	10:11 p.m.	
New Haven	4:00 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	42°
	4:17 p.m.	10:35 p.m.	
Stamford	4:04 a.m.	10:24 a.m.	45°
	4:21 p.m.	10:49 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 4.87 feet at 4:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	AM Clouds	AM Clouds	AM Clouds
Wind	NW, 10-15	NW, 15-20	NW, 10-15
Seas	2 ft.	2-4 ft.	3-5 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Saturday	34 at 5:51 p.m.	26 at 3:40 a.m.
Normal for date	38	22
Record for date	64 in 1964	-13 in 1980
A year ago	63	35
Range this year	99	1

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Season
For July 1 - Dec 25	1664	1958	1760

30-day Temperature History		
		
Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.94 at 12 a.m.	29.48 at 3 p.m.
Dew point	32° at 4 p.m.	23° at 12 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	36 18 C
Burlington	35 19 C
Caribou	30 14 PC
Concord	39 17 PC
Montpelier	34 14 C
Mt. Wash.	18 7 C
Portland	38 20 C
Woods Hole	43 28 PC

NATION

Albany	43 24 C
Albuquerque	54 30 PC
Atlantic City	56 25 S

Baltimore	59 33 PC
Bismarck	13 1 SN
Boise	35 28 SF
Buffalo	41 24 C
Charleston	80 56 PC
Cincinnati	58 50 PC
Cleveland	44 31 PC
Indianapolis	54 47 PC
Jacksonville	77 55 C
Las Vegas	54 39 PC
Miami Beach	78 68 S
Milwaukee	40 35 PC

Nashville	68 59 PC
New Orleans	81 62 PC
New York	50 32 PC
Okl. City	89 45 PC
Omaha	59 27 PC
Orlando	80 59 S
Pittsburgh	48 26 PC
Raleigh	74 49 PC
St. Louis	61 54 PC
Salt Lake City	42 30 SN
San Antonio	84 61 PC
San Diego	60 51 C

WORLD

San Juan	84 73 PC
Tucson	63 41 PC
Amsterdam	41 36 SH
Athens	64 52 C
Bangkok	88 77 R
Barbados	85 76 PC
Beijing	32 18 S
Beirut	63 53 S
Berlin	27 18 S
Bermuda	75 61 SH

Kingston	86 75 PC
Lisbon	63 59 SH
London	50 45 C
Madrid	57 52 R
Mexico City	78 44 S
Milan	45 37 C
Montreal	28 10 SF
Moscow	23 9 SN
Nassau	78 69 S
New Delhi	75 50 SH
Paris	50 46 SH
Prague	36 28 C
Rio de Janeiro	91 70 R
Rome	55 48 T
Seoul	21 12 S
Singapore	93 75 T

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MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BOYS BASKETBALL

NCCC: Windsor Locks at East Granby, 5p.m.

Others: Middletown at Weaver, noon; Whitney Tech at Westbrook, 6:30p.m.

Holiday Tournaments

Rybczyk Tournament (Plainville): SMSA vs. Stafford, 12:30p.m.; Terryville vs. Plainville, 4:30p.m.

Holiday Tourney (Goodwin Tech): Kaynor Tech vs. Abbott Tech, 4p.m.; Wilcox Tech vs. Goodwin Tech, 7p.m.

Art Kohs Classic (Xavier): Waterford vs. Glastonbury, 5:30p.m.; Valley Regional vs. Xavier, 7:15p.m.

Holiday Tourney (Pomperaug): Staples vs. Immaculate, 4p.m.; E.O. Smith vs. Pomperaug, 6p.m.

Holiday Tourney (Wamogo): Lewis Mills vs. Canton, 5p.m.; Suffield vs. Wamogo, 7p.m.

Holiday Tourney (Platt Tech): Sheehan vs. Foran, 5:30p.m.; Bullard-Havens vs. Platt Tech, 7p.m.

Cowboy Class (Litchfield): Woodland vs. Seymour, 5p.m.; Thomaston vs. Litchfield, 6:30p.m.

Holiday Tourney (O'Brien Tech): Housatonic vs. Gilbert, 5p.m.; Wolcott Tech vs. O'Brien Tech, 7p.m.

Holiday Tourney (Grasso Tech): Wheeler vs. Montville, 4p.m.; Norwich Tech vs. Grasso Tech, 6p.m.

Fairfield Holiday Classic (Warde): Notre Dame-Fairfield vs. Fairfield Warde, 6p.m.; Fairfield Ludlowe vs. Fairfield Prep, 8p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-Inter: Bloomfield at Lewis Mills, 5:30p.m.

Others: Wilby at Maloney, 1:30p.m.; Killingly at Sheehan, 3:30p.m.; East Catholic at Sacred Heart Academy, 5 p.m.; Middletown at Lyman Hall, 6p.m.

Holiday Tournaments

Rybczyk Tournament (Plainville): Stafford vs. SMSA, 2:30p.m.; Platt vs. Plainville, 6:30p.m.

Holiday Tourney (Goodwin Tech): Kaynor Tech vs. Abbott Tech, 2:30 p.m.; Wilcox Tech vs. Goodwin Tech, 5:30p.m.

Holiday Tourney (Ridgefield): Newington vs. Newtown, 3p.m.; John Jay (N.Y.) vs. Ridgefield, 5p.m.

Holiday Tourney (Montville): Wheeler vs. Montville, 11a.m.; Old Saybrook vs. Norwich Tech, 1p.m.

Holiday Tourney (Notre Dame-Fairfield): Hand vs. New London, 5:15p.m.; Thomaston vs. Notre Dame-Fairfield, 7:15p.m.

Girls Holiday Festival (Danbury War Memorial): New Milford vs. Norwalk, 6p.m.; New Fairfield vs. Danbury, 7:30p.m.

Holiday Tourney (Masuk): Bethel vs. Trumbull, 4:45p.m.; Amity vs. Masuk, 6:30p.m.

Holiday Tourney (Shelton): Ansonia vs. Shelton, 6p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

CCC-South: Northeastern at E.O. Smith/Tolland, 2:30p.m.; Rocky Hill co-op at Southington co-op, 7p.m.

NHC: SGWL at Eastern CT, 3:30p.m.

Others: Wethersfield at Sheehan, 1 p.m.; Staples at Enfield co-op, 1p.m.; Tri-Town at Hall, 6:50p.m.

WRESTLING

Others: Hall at Mid-Hudson Classic, 9a.m.; Hall, Simsbury at Lowell Holiday Tournament, time TBA

TRACK AND FIELD

Others: Windsor at Boston Holiday Classic, noon

TUESDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hartford at Cornell, 2p.m.

UConn at Xavier, 7p.m.

Yale at St. Mary's, 10p.m.

D3hoops.com Classic (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Transylvania vs. St. Joseph, 10p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Army at Yale, 5p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Holiday Face-Off (Milwaukee, Wisc.)

Yale vs. Wisconsin, 8:30p.m.

AHL Standings

Atlantic	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Springfield	25	17	7	2	1	33	.660
Hartford	22	13	6	2	1	29	.659
Providence	22	11	7	3	1	26	.591
Hershey	23	12	8	2	1	27	.587
Charlotte	27	14	11	2	0	30	.556
W-B/Scrntn	22	9	10	1	2	21	.477
Bridgeport	27	9	14	1	3	22	.407
Lehigh Valley	23	6	11	4	2	18	.391
North	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Utica	21	18	1	2	0	38	.905
Rochester	23	15	8	0	0	30	.652
Laval	24	12	10	2	0	26	.542
Cleveland	24	10	8	3	3	26	.542
Toronto	21	10	9	1	1	22	.524
Belleville	22	11	10	0	0	22	.500
Syracuse	21	8	10	2	1	19	.452
Central	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Chicago	26	20	4	1	1	42	.808
Manitoba	25	15	9	1	0	31	.620
Rockford	23	11	10	1	1	24	.522
Iowa	23	10	10	2	1	21	.500
Grand Rapids	22	9	10	2	1	21	.477
Milwaukee	25	10	13	2	0	22	.440
Texas	23	8	11	3	1	20	.435
Pacific	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Stockton	23	18	2	1	1	39	.848
Ontario	21	14	5	1	1	30	.714
Henderson	22	12	7	2	1	27	.614
Tucson	21	10	9	2	0	22	.524
Abbotsford	21	10	9	2	1	23	.523
Colorado	24	10	10	2	2	24	.500
Bakersfield	19	7	8	1	3	18	.474
San Diego	22	9	12	1	0	19	.432
San Jose	22	9	12	1	0	19	.432

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Grand Rapids at Cleveland, 7p.m.

Rockford at Iowa, 7p.m.

Hershey at W-B/Scranton, 7p.m.

Utica at Rochester, 7p.m.

Ontario at San Diego, 10p.m.

Bakersfield at San Jose, 10p.m.

Big East basketball standings

MEN'S

Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
Providence	1-0	1,000	11-1	.917
Creighton	1-0	1,000	9-3	.750
Xavier	1-1	.500	11-2	.846
UConn	1-1	.500	10-3	.769
Villanova	1-1	.500	8-4	.667
DePaul	0-0	.000	9-1	.900
Seton Hall	0-0	.000	9-1	.900
St. John's	0-0	.000	8-3	.727
Butler	0-0	.000	7-4	.636
Georgetown	0-0	.000	6-5	.545
Marquette	0-2	.000	8-5	.615

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

UConn at Xavier, 7p.m.

Georgetown at Creighton, 9p.m.

WOMEN'S

Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
DePaul	3-0	1,000	11-3	.786
Creighton	3-0	1,000	8-3	.727
UConn	1-0	1,000	6-3	.667
Marquette	2-1	.667	9-3	.750
Georgetown	1-1	.500	6-4	.600
St. John's	1-1	.500	5-6	.455
Seton Hall	1-2	.333	6-5	.545

Providence	1-2	.333	6-6	.500
Villanova	0-2	.000	5-5	.500
Xavier	0-2	.000	5-6	.455
Butler	0-2	.000	1-10	.091

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Butler at Xavier, 2p.m.

Marquette at UConn, 7p.m.

Hockey East standings

MEN'S

Team	OGP	OVR	CGP	CONF
UMass Lowell	16	10-3-3	11	8-2-1
UMass	15	9-4-2	11	7-2-2
Northeastern	18	13-4-1	11	7-3-1
Providence	21	14-7-0	11	6-5-0
Boston Col	16	8-5-3	10	5-3-2
Boston U	18	6-9-3	13	5-5-3
UConn	14	8-6-0	9	5-4-0
Merrimack	16	6-9-1	10	3-7-0
New Hampshire	17	7-9-1	11	3-7-1
Vermont	16	3-11-2	10	2-6-2
Maine	17	2-11-4	11	1-8-2

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Holiday Face-Off (Milwaukee, Wisc.)				
Bowling Green vs. Providence, 4p.m.				
WOMEN'S				
Team	OGP	OVR	CGP	CONF
Northeastern	19	16-2-1	14	11-1-2
Boston U	18	9-6-3	15	8-4-3
UConn	20	14-4-2	13	8-3-2
Boston College	18	10-8-0	13	8-5-0
Vermont	18	9-7-2	11	6-4-1
Providence	17	7-5-5	10	4-4-2
Maine	19	6-12-1	12	4-7-1
New Hampshire	19	6-11-2	13	4-8-1
Merrimack	20	5-14-1	15	4-10-1
Holy Cross	17	3-14-0	12	1-11-0

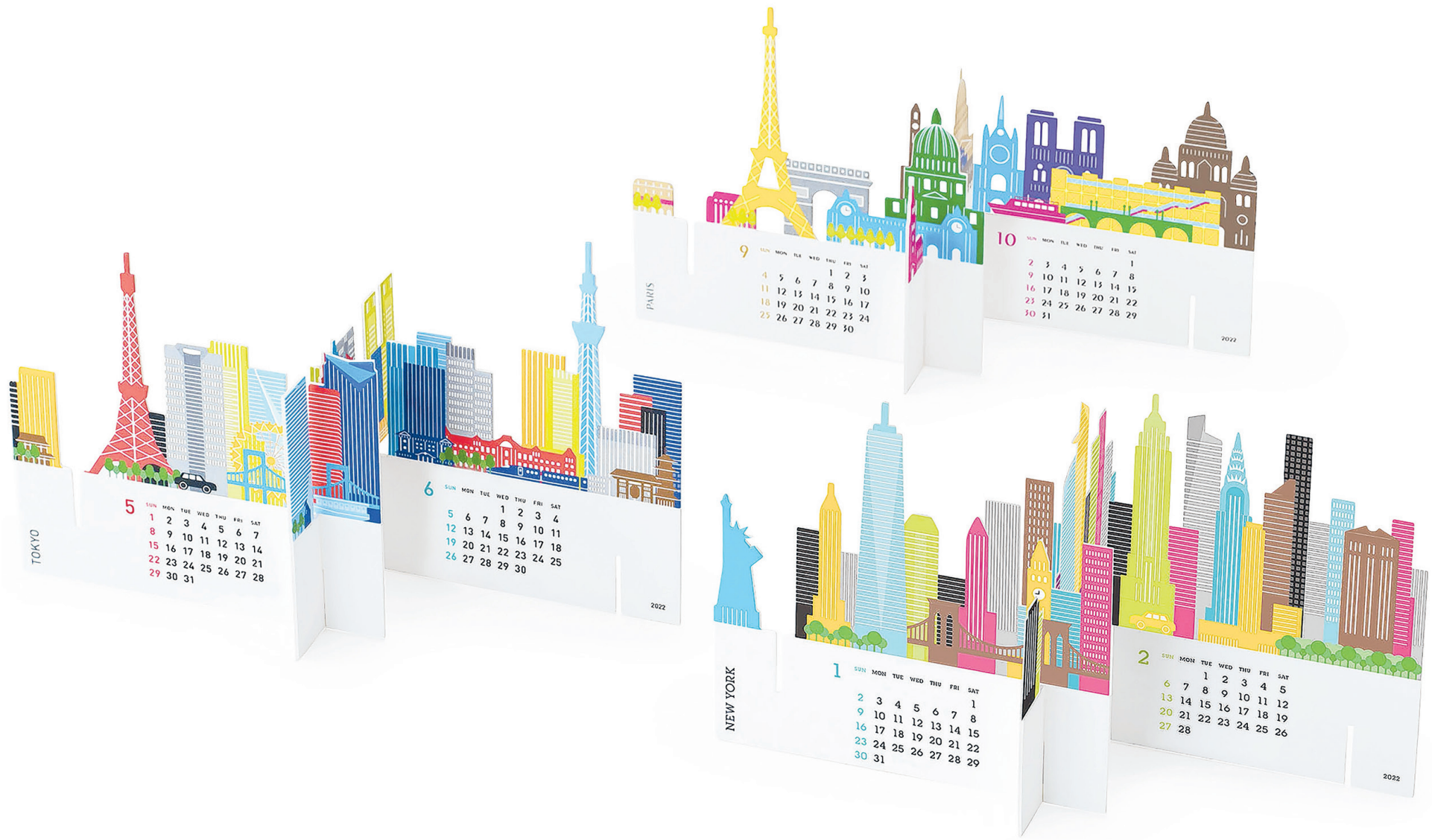
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Vermont at Providence, 1p.m.				
ECAC Hockey standings				
MEN'S				
Team	OGP	OVR	CGP	CONF
Cornell	11	9-1-1	8	6-1-1
Quinnipiac	18	14-1-3	6	5-0-1
Harvard	11	6-4-1	8	5-2-1
Clarkson	19	9-6-4	8	4-2-2
Rensselaer	19	8-9-2	8	4-4-0
St. Lawrence	15	4-7-4	8	3-3-2
Brown	12	3-9-0	9	3-6-0
Colgate	18	8-10-0	8	3-5-0
Union	17	5-9-3	8	3-4-1
Princeton	13	3-9-1	6	2-4-0
Dartmouth	10	2-8-0	7	2-5-0
Yale	10	3-7-0	8	2-6-0

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Savvy 2022 calendars

From chic cityscapes to pop culture, mark time with your sense of style

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

Why are many of us still drawn to paper calendars in this digital age? Karen Hernandez, senior product manager at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, has theories. First, we can feel “more intimately tied to our plans, and get increased joy out of organizing our to-dos, when we can track them physically on analog calendars,” she says.

Also, “these calendars can express our style and bring beauty to otherwise monotonous days. Not only does the act of writing the event down stick in our minds more permanently, we’re also able to use the calendar for creative self-expression.”

There are a variety of beautiful and creative calendars on tap at bookstores and online sites to mark the months or weeks of 2022 with photos, artwork, quotes, cartoons, puzzles and more. Added bonus: You can frame your favorite images after each month is done.

A sampling of what’s new:

Artsy agendas

A great-looking desk calendar called “City,” at MoMA from Japanese studio Good Morning, features 3D cityscapes of Tokyo, New York and Paris. Interlock the shapes on the provided display stand to showcase the 12 monthly calendars and the skylines.

Fans of artist Charley Harper’s modern depictions of birds and animals will want either the studio’s 12-by-13-inch or 6½-by-14-inch wall calendars, with some of Harper’s most striking works.

Lovers of all things vintage will be pleased with one of Paper Source’s Vintage Cats, Dogs, Birds, Travel,



The New York Times mini crossword calendar. **WORKMAN PUBLISHING**

Maps, or Cocktails desk calendars, with frameable illustrations from the Cavallini & Co. paper goods archive.

Pop culture planning

At Calendars.com and other retailers, find a “Descendants” calendar featuring characters in the TV series about the teen kids of Disney villains. There are also Batman, Wonder Woman and Frozen II calendars.

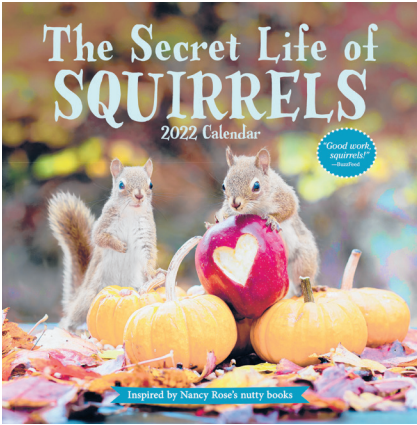
“Bridgerton” fans will want a wall calendar (Universe/Rizzoli) with all the steamy, dishy and dreamy characters in the Netflix series.

There are also calendars for “Outlander” (Sellers Publishing), and for “Mandalorian” fans, calendars with portraits of all the series actors in costume, or one that features just The Child, in photos and illustrated forms (Trends International Calendars).

There’s a calendar devoted to The New York Times’ Mini Crossword puzzle at Workman Publishing, which also has calendars themed around social media favorites like cute squirrels, pets, and unusual animal friends.

Outdoorsy organizing

Another example of Good Morning’s lovely papercraft: their kit of pop-out bird calendars, featuring six birds, including a pelican, crested kingfisher



The Secret Life of Squirrels calendar. **WORKMAN PUBLISHING**

and cardinal. Fold the easily assembled tabs and the birds stand up on their own.

At MoMA’s store, there’s a safari animal version as well, with a rhino, giraffe, gorilla, stag, bear and camel in pop-up form.

Armchair travelers might enjoy a calendar from National Geographic’s collection (Simon & Schuster). Photographs are themed around Islands, Castles & Houses, and National Parks.

The parks are also to be found in Cavallini & Co.’s beautifully drawn archival print calendar, at Paper Source. Or choose Arboretum, with detailed illustrations of trees.

Those who prefer a desktop blotter calendar might like Paper Source’s large, grid-format blotter with lots of writing room in each block. Each month’s page is bordered in a seasonal floral print.

Show-time schedules

The Playbill Store celebrates the return of Broadway with a 2022 calendar featuring some of the theater district’s favorite musicals, like “Chicago,” “Come From Away” and “Dear Evan Hansen.” “Hamilton” lovers might want the wall or day-to-day desk calendar with photos, lyrics and historical facts.

Timetables for thinkers

The “30 Second Mysteries” calendar (Simon & Schuster) would be a fun one for everybody who binges whodunits. A quick recap of each case, the mystery and clues from the worlds of history, science, celebrity and everyday life can be digested in half a minute — then the answer is on the back.

For history fans, the History Channel’s 2022 This Day in History will be a trove of interesting facts.

Bibliophiles and writers might like “The Curious Reader” calendar from the folks at online magazine Mental Floss, with anecdotes and fun facts about writers and literary works. What really happened on the day “The War of the Worlds” was broadcast nationwide? What did Hemingway say when he won the Nobel Prize for literature? The daily calendar is a trivia trove for readers.

Learn some new (old) words with “Forgotten English” (Sellers Publishing), a daily tear-off calendar of archaic and arcane words like “wombly-crypt,” which in the 1850s described a tipsy individual, along with historic reference and word usage. There are anecdotes on, among other things, the history of the dinner fork, medieval holiday hijinks and how Paris was redesigned.

Datebooks for doers

“The Martha Manual” daily tear-off calendar features Martha Stewart’s organizing, cleaning, decorating and cooking tips, like how to soften butter, use leftover egg whites, or paint a wall.

“Life Hacks 2022” (Andrews McMeel) gives daily tips and tricks on dealing with everything from cooking to technology to personal care.

And amateur athletes would go for “The Complete Runner’s Day by Day Log 2022 Planner Calendar” (Simon & Schuster) a planner and log all in one. There are inspirational monthly essays, helpful tips and lots of space to track your runs.

‘Dressing the bed’ as an art form

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

Beds are meant to be comfortable and enhancing, gone are the days in which beds are just for function, these days “dressing the bed” is for some an art form, involving an array of pillows, lots of layers and texture.

Create a mood: How do you want your bedroom space to make you feel? Do you want the space to feel warm and cozy or cool and tranquil? Whatever you choose, you are going to want to make the right selections, that will help set the right balance. Warm colors will

help to make a space feel cozy, while cool colors, will create a feeling that is more tranquil and calm.

Select a design aesthetic: Modern or Traditional? What is your aesthetic? Once you know your own personal style and desire, this will provide direction as you select the perfect bedding. Traditional? Look for soft fabrics and small simple prints. More modern? Think of clean elements, such as piping or stripes and clean, graphic prints.

Must-haves: Where does one get started? When creating the ideal bed,

think of layering. Essentials include sumptuous sheets, a good quality, quilted coverlet, followed by a high quality cotton duvet cover with duvet insert. Many designers recommend using flat sheets as opposed to a flat and fitted sheet. Top sheets should be one size larger than the mattress size in order to allow them to be sufficiently tucked into.

Save or splurge?: Pillows, pillows, pillows. Pillows are a designer secret weapon. They allow one to swap in and swap out color and texture instantly. High end pillows add instant glam to any bedroom.



A center toss pillow in the same color palette as the bedding creates a sense of cohesiveness. **HANDOUT/TNS**

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Determining the value of inherited property

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My dad purchased an investment property in 2006 for \$150,000. He put my name as joint owner with him. His intent was for me to become the sole owner of the property after his death. He died late last year. Prior to his death, he managed the property and did everything that had to do with the property. He took all the tax benefits and tax deductions having to do with it.

When he bought the property, he and I took out a mortgage, but the lender used his credit only to approve the loan. I have never reported anything in my tax return having to do with the property. With his death, I inherited his share of the property and am now the sole owner.

Do I need to get an appraisal for the home, or can I use online tools to figure out what it's worth? Many online websites show the home's value at around \$130,000. Can I use that value to set the value of the home when I sell it down the line? Do I only get 50% of step-up value?

A: First, please accept our condolences on the loss of your father. If you've read some of our past columns, you know that we are not fans of how your father set up his financial affairs with regard to this property. As a general rule, we don't think parents should put real estate in their children's names (even if they share ownership) solely for estate planning purposes.

Let's dive into specifics: You and your dad purchased the property for \$150,000. Even though your dad took all the tax benefits on the property, his share of the property



While several online websites show home values, we caution readers to take those values with a grain of salt. **DREAMSTIME**

when he purchased it was worth \$75,000. Your share was worth the same. Your dad used the property as an investment property and received rents from the tenants, spent money on repairs and depreciated the property on his income tax returns.

When your dad depreciated the property, his basis for income tax purposes went down. If you and he had sold the property, he would owe tax on the depreciation he took over the years. When he died, you inherited his 50% share of the property at its stepped-up basis.

What does that mean? You inherit his share of the property at its value at the time your dad died. That's generally a good thing,

especially if the property in question has risen in value. If you inherit the property at a higher value, you only owe taxes on the increase in value from the date your dad died.

If you sell your dad's property within a year or so of his death, the sale price will set the value for the property, so you wouldn't pay tax on the sale of his share.

However, if you sold at a price point higher than the purchase price you might owe tax on your share of the profits.

What happens if, as you suspect, the property is worth less than the purchase price?

If your share is worth \$75,000 and you inherited your dad's share at around

the same amount, and if you sell it within a year of your dad's passing, you're likely not going to have to pay the federal government any taxes on that sale.

On the other hand, if the value of the property has decreased, you won't get the benefit of a stepped-up basis but, rather, a stepped-down basis. In other words, you would inherit your dad's half of the property at a lower valuation. If you keep the property for another 10 years and the value suddenly skyrockets, you might pay more in tax (because you'll pay the difference between the inherited value — the stepped-down value — and the current sales price, whenever that is). For this reason, if you are not selling

the property anytime soon, you'd want to get somebody to tell you that the property's value is as high as possible so that when you do sell down the road, you will pay taxes on the difference between the stepped up value and the sales price of the home.

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There are several other tax issues and questions that could play a part in any decision you make about the property. So talk to your accountant, tax preparer or real estate attorney to go over your inheritance, the stepped-up or stepped-down basis and how to handle the property from a

tax perspective, given that even though you owned the property since it was purchased you didn't take any deductions or depreciation.

In terms of valuation, talk to several real estate agents or brokers who are active in the area where the property is located and ask them to provide a written comparative market analysis for the property. The valuation you receive plus advice from your tax preparer or attorney will help determine your next steps.

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The appraisal process is a vital part of a home sale. You can take steps to ensure it goes smoothly. **ANDREY POPOV/DREAMSTIME**

HOME REMEDIES

How to best prepare to have your home appraised

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

If you've ever bought or sold a house, you know the crucial role home appraisers play in the outcome. Even if you haven't had the (sometimes stressful) pleasure of buying or selling a home, you should still familiarize yourself with what a home appraiser does — and how it impacts your bottom line should you ever find yourself closing in on a home sale.

On average, a single-family residential home appraisal will cost between \$300 and \$500, though that price may go up for larger homes. The same is true if a home has certain features that require more time and expertise to appraise. In most cases, the appraisal fee is the buyer's responsibility. However, you'll need to pay the cost if you're trying to learn the value for non-sales reasons. If you're hiring an appraiser, verify that they are state-certified and have relevant experience in your location. Familiarity with the community helps appraisers accurately set the price of a home.

Prepare for a home appraiser by making sure the home is as neat and clutter-free as possible. A clear area helps eliminate potential distractions so they can take a thorough look at everything. It's also a good idea to handle all minor repairs in advance. Exterior damage, chipped or peeling paint, and torn screens tend to give the impression of a home that has not been well-kept.

Appraisers will inspect your home for health and housing codes, count the total square feet of all the rooms, look at the ease of layout, and consider things such as appliances and utilities. They'll also factor in available parking and driveways, as well as the home's exterior condition and curb appeal.

Inform the appraiser about any home enhancements, and how much they cost. Recent installations such as a new \$5,000 furnace or a \$15,000 roof can boost the home's appraised value. If possible, give them written verification of the upgrades. Similarly, a recent copy of your property tax bill will help.

Be aware that any renovations done to the home without acquiring proper permits will likely show up in the appraisal or home inspection phase and could throw a wrench into your sale. Home sales are a significant reason you need to verify that your contractors pull all appropriate permits on any job. Skipping permits can come back to haunt you years later.

Some of the most critical factors affecting your home's value may be out of your control. The quality of nearby schools, access to roads, noise factors such as nearby trains, and other elements will all help determine the final cost. Appraisers will also factor in nearby home values and recent sale prices to estimate a local baseline.

In the end, if you don't agree with your appraised value, you can bring it to the attention of the lender or company that ordered the appraisal. You'll have the most luck if you can provide your lender with objective data, such as recent nearby home sales that were particularly low for reasons specific to that property rather than the neighborhood.

TREASURES

Cruet is a rare find in style, function, respected origin

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: I bought this Libbey dressing holder for a dollar at a yard sale. It has the number 243 on its side as well. Just wondering about the history of the piece and how much it might be worth.

A: What a wonderful yard sale find! It is beautiful, useful, over 100 years old and handmade by a highly respected manufacturer. That amounts to a quadruple bonanza in the world of collecting.

We must admit we have never heard a piece such as this one called a "dressing holder."

We suppose that is an apt description of its function, but most people would call it a "cruet."

This generally describes a stoppered, flat-bottomed vessel with a narrow neck. Such bottles usually have small spouts and often have handles.

They can be found made from ceramic, glass, metal and plastic. It is speculated that cruets may have been used first for ecclesiastical purposes, such as holding the water and wine for the celebration of the Roman Catholic Eucharist.

Today, they are used for holding oil, vinegar, lemon juice or other dining table condiments. They are often part of a set. Smaller versions can also hold salt and ground pepper.

The piece was made by the Libbey Glass Company of Toledo, Ohio, which was founded in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1818. It was bought by William L. Libbey in 1878 and moved to Toledo by Edward Libbey in 1888. Its name was changed to the Libbey Glass Company in 1892, and the descendant of the firm is still in business.



Most cut glass is no longer as valuable as it once was, but pieces signed by the maker are still of interest to many. **TNS**

This particular cruet is American brilliant period cut glass, a type of glass generally in vogue between the late 1870s and the beginning of World War I. It was decorated with deep miter cuts in a variety of patterns, many of which feature the "hobstar" design, which is a star typically with 12 points, but may have as many as 60 or as few as five. This cruet also has an applied strap handle and a faceted ball stopper.

American brilliant period cut glass was popular in the waning years of the 19th century and early years of the 20th century. It was a kind of go-to gift for brides and wives.

We are a bit perplexed by the number "243" on the side. Such a number on the base might indicate a style number, but on the

side, it makes little sense.

The monetary value of American brilliant period cut glass has fallen dramatically in the past decade. If this were pressed glass, the retail value would be in the \$20 to \$35 range, but a circa 1900 cut glass piece signed by Libbey should still be valued in the \$125 to \$150 range.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 35 Mountain Farms Road, West Hartford

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Property of the Week

Exquisite West Hartford Estate Features Custom Craftsmanship, Picturesque Views

By Karen A. Avitabile

A well-appointed estate, in a coveted West Hartford neighborhood, is located on nearly three acres and offers spectacular skyline views of Hartford. Drive up the welcoming circular driveway, at 35 Mountain Farms Rd, which reveals a private enclave of lush and private grounds, the perfect backdrop for an 11-room home which brings to mind a castle.



The home's brick and stucco façade shows off multiple roof lines, arched windows and a turret at the main entrance. Built in 1982 and priced at \$1.325 million, the 6,837-square-foot home displays exquisite details and craftsmanship in every room. The rooms are accentuated by high ceilings, expansive mill work, wainscoting, oak hard wood and limestone floors, porcelain tile, stone work, four fireplaces, tray ceilings and recessed lighting.

Enter through the hand-carved, double front doors into the two-story foyer which boasts a limestone floor, a sweeping staircase and an upstairs landing that overlooks the space below. The home's open-space floor plan allows for easy flow from room to room.



The chef's kitchen is the ultimate space for anyone who likes to cook and entertain. Fully remodeled in 2016, the custom room features high-end appliances (including a Sub-zero refrigerator), double wall ovens, tile flooring, a gas cooktop in the island, an icemaker, a wine chiller, a walk-in pantry and an instant hot water tap. Quartz countertops are complemented by warm-tone cabinets, some with glass fronts. The Carrara (from Carrara, Italy) marble baking center and wet bar are adorned by a marble mosaic backsplash. Sip your morning coffee in the sitting area with a stone wall on one side, and captivating sunrises in the opposite direction.



The focal point of the sun-drenched dining room with a bay window is a crystal chandelier. The 15-by-20 foot room is large enough for a table of 12, perfect for



hosting large gatherings. Enjoy views of nature from the beautifully-styled living room with arched windows, a gas fireplace, hardwood floors and access to the deck out back. Surrounded by floor-to-ceiling windows and dark woodwork is a handsome library or home office with a parquet floor, a walk-in closet and leaded-glass doors for privacy.



A wood-burning fireplace is at the center of the 22-by-24 foot family room highlighted by skylights and sliding doors to the outside. The first-floor laundry room is spacious and is enhanced by counters and cabinets. The mudroom has custom closets and a back staircase. Rounding out the main level are two powder rooms, one near the foyer and the other close to the family room.



The upper level unfolds into the remodeled master suite with a gas fireplace, dual dressing rooms with built-ins, a walk-in closet, a Juliet balcony and a private deck. The luxurious bathroom features double granite vanities, a jetted tub and a frameless shower door. Four additional bedrooms with adjoining/en suite baths and tons of closets complete the second floor.



The walkout lower level provides an additional 1,034 square feet and a full bathroom so the space is perfect for an au pair or an in-law space. Currently, the room is used for multi-purposes, including a game room, an exercise space and an overflow for entertaining. A wood railing separates the room, though a brick fireplace with wood storage and wall-to-wall carpet tie the spaces together.

The attic is a walk-up and includes a floor and a convenient cedar closet, great for additional storage. The three-car garage provides access into the mudroom. The home, categorized as a green home, is fueled by hot air natural gas and cooled by central air conditioning. There is a programmable thermostat, thermopane windows and wiring for a generator. Public water and a septic system service the home.



Surround-sound is located in the family room and the master bedroom.

Recent improvements to the home include updated plumbing and lighting fixtures, new stucco and freshly painted exterior trim.



The level, professionally landscaped property with a secluded backyard is dotted with mature trees and edged by striking stone walls and some fences. The sprawling lawn can easily accommodate a pool or a tennis court. An underground sprinkler system allows for easy maintenance.

Gather family and friends for outdoor dining or star gazing on the wrap-around deck or the slate patio. Rebuilt in 2020, the patio is embellished by a wrought-iron railing.

Diane Barry and Caitlyn Cleary, Co-Listing Agents with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty says this home offers what buyers have been shopping for since the pandemic – an open-space floor plan, a home office, a private yard, plenty of space to spread out and a finished lower level with multiple uses.



Mountain Farms Road is just minutes to West Hartford center, shopping, restaurants, golf, cultural events and Route 44. Private showings are underway. For property details, photos, floor plans and a video, which includes views from a drone, visit <https://35mountainfarmsroad.com>.

Karen A. Avitabile is a freelance writer based in Plantsville.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

35 Mountain Farms Road, West Hartford

- Built:** 1982
- Price:** \$1,325,000
- Style:** Contemporary-colonial
- Rooms:** 11
- Bedrooms:** 5
- Baths:** 5 full, 2 half
- Square footage:** 6,837 (includes finished lower level)
- Acreage:** 2.7
- Mill rate:** 42.42
- Best feature:** Spacious remodeled custom kitchen
- Contact:** Diane Barry Team, (860) 614-1569, dianebarryteam@williampitt.com, <https://35mountainfarmsroad.com>

PORTLAND

Spacious sun filled colonial with hardwood floors, nestled in a wonderful cul-de-sac in Portland! Stretching over 1,855 square feet and features 4 bedrooms, 2/1 bathrooms with upgrades that bring you a sense of ease. Hardwood floors from room to room starting with the generous family room crowned with a brick fireplace, a pellet stove insert and flanked with custom built-ins & windows. \$405,000. 27 Grace Lane, Portland. WPSIR Lisa Fagan (860) 810-2325, lfagan@williampitt.com



NEW HARTFORD

North Star Farm is a backyard horse farm with a three bedroom, three bath split level home on 24.7 acres. It features a custom built 40 x 30, 6 stall, center aisle pole barn with custom built stalls and doors. This incredible property borders a local winery and is only minutes to fabulous shops and restaurants. \$699,000. 1474 Litchfield Tpke, New Hartford. WPSIR Jennifer Roller (860) 459-0805, jroller@williampitt.com



REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ASHFORD
55 Ashford Center Rd, Jacobs, Steven and Jacobs, Elizabeth R to Waters, Seth, 12/7, \$295,000
102 Krapf Rd, Cote, Marcel J to Powers, Alexander J and Powers, Paula, 12/8, \$240,000
355 Ference Rd, Capstick, Alec D and Capstick, Magan C to Cysaniewicz Jr, Kerry J and Cutler, Emily J, 12/3, \$200,000

BARKHAMSTED
41 N Canton Rd, USA HUD to Svitenkov, Denis N, 12/8, \$136,000

BEACON FALLS
6 Wilson Ct, Konschnick, Lee S to Pellitteri, Donna, 12/7, \$365,000
8 Bronson Dr, Castelot, James S and Castelot, Wendy M to Petagaye-White, Shatasha, 12/7, \$340,000
9 Patricia Ter, Landry, Marlene J to Gallo, Laurelle and Gallo, Gregory, 12/10, \$233,900
70 Rimmon Hill Rd, Nutmeg Finc'l Holdings LLC to Gonzalez, Anibal and Ortiz, Patricia E, 12/6, \$350,000

BETHANY
35 Bethany Farms Rd, Guerra, Robert J and Guerra, Geri A to Giangrande, Kimberly L and Giangrande, William J, 12/6, \$585,000
321 Bethmour Rd, Jablon, Michael D to Terotola, Joseph and Muller, Karen, 12/7, \$340,000
347 Amy Rd, Barone, Janice R to Zawatsky, Danielle M, 12/10, \$360,000

BLOOMFIELD
18 Avery Rd Lot 18, Amy F Vogel RET and Vogel, Philip J to Abel, Bruce and Abel, Marjorie, 12/9, \$450,000
18 Avery Rd Lot 18, Amy F Vogel RET and Vogel, Philip J to Abel, Bruce and Abel, Marjorie, 12/9, \$450,000

BRANFORD
6 Quarry Dock Rd Lot 6, Eleanor F Cartella FT and Cartella, Richard L to Colonese, Nicholas N, 12/3, \$240,000
10 Orchard Ave, Morman John William Est and Morman, Robert A to Marsh, Peter and Leigh, Marianne, 12/6, \$415,000
30 Crouch Rd, Hendley, Wendy S to Bldg Blocks For Parents, 12/6, \$230,000
85 Pinski Dr, Capasso, Anthony and Capasso, Michelle R to Barden, Richard and Barden, Candace E, 12/6, \$285,000
132 Shore Dr, Bozzi, Gregory G and Bozzi, Joy K to Longobardi, Lisa M, 12/6, \$425,000
515 Emerson Dr Lot 515, Juniper LLC to Knowles, Assatu L, 12/3, \$190,000

BRIDGEPORT
5th St Lot 149, 199 Fifth St LLC to Pulliam, Joe, 11/18, \$55,000
Laurel Ave, Umpierre, Enrique to Fila, Monique, 11/18, \$210,100
Mead St, Pizarro, Daniel to GD Capital&Ventures LLC, 11/23, \$200,000
1 Park Ave Lot 1P, Tavella, Richard to Brgport Condo Assoc Inc, 11/19, \$90,000
10 Atlantic St Lot 10, Lopez, Luis A to Liu, Jifeng, 11/22, \$199,900
15 Park Ave Lot 15H, Everly William Est and Festa Jr, Pasquale J to Lima, Rodriguez M and Rodriguez, Maria L, 11/23, \$71,800
17 Cleveland Ave, Albano, John A to Livingston, Kemmar N and Livingston, Stacey, 11/19, \$345,000
21-25 Manila Pl, Carrero, Francisco and Carrero, Gergette to Hernandez, Angelin, 11/22, \$230,000
31 Teresa Pl Lot 31, Piro, Daniel G to Dias, Lucia, 11/23, \$142,000
35 Folino Dr, Ambrosini Sr, Joseph to 35 Folino LLC, 11/18, \$100,000
35 Harborview Ave, Boszko, Alan J to Kaiser, Dennis G and Miller, Susan E, 11/24, \$410,000
47 Folino Dr, Ambrosini Sr, Joseph to 47 Folino LLC, 11/18, \$405,000
47 Saint Nicholas Dr, Pires, Jose A to Shevchuk, Nadiia and Shevchuk, Nataliai, 11/24, \$455,000
49 Oliver St, Maddox, Alece and Maddox, Errol to Cherry, Jacqueline and Hooper, Stephen, 11/18, \$322,900
53-55 Ashley St, Lowe, Joseph R to Lowe, Courtney, 11/23, \$262,000
60 Lyon Ter, Neon Properties LLC to Rotation Technology LLC, 11/18, \$450,000
70-72 Benham Ave, Majlak, Charles to Brown, Fallon D and Fallon-Dunn, Brown, 11/23, \$288,000
74-76 Hazelwood Ave, Brand, Nicholas C to Delacruz, Jennifer R and Delacruz, Nereyda, 11/23, \$369,000
76-78 Grove St, Gaskins-Younger, Angela to 79 Lansing LLC, 11/22, \$350,000
77 Goddard Ave, 205 W Parmenter LLC to Silva, Socorro, 11/24, \$135,000
79 Mencil Cir Lot D, SL Group LLC to Molyneaux, Mitchell, 11/23, \$125,000
81 Indian Ave, Allen, Carlos A to Ayo, Maria S, 11/22, \$284,900
81-83 Horace St, Delcid, Mauro to Martinez, Pedro A, 11/19, \$400,000
85 Horace St, Delcid, Mauro to Martinez, Pedro A, 11/19, \$400,000
86 Virginia Ave Lot 86, Medina, Christian to Igel, Pincus S and Posen, Aaron, 11/19, \$125,000
89 Bywaytr Ln, Abendschein Edward E Est and Fuller, Barbara L to 85 Bywater Lane LLC, 11/23, \$285,000
90 Lance Cir Lot 90, Sandra L Meyer IRT and Meyer Jr, Arthur J to Rock Hall Develops LLC, 12/6, \$200,000
93 Ellsworth St Lot 215, Lilova, Zornitza to Chalmers Realty LLC, 11/23, \$137,000
99 Forestview Rd, Ortiz, Jose L to Chimbo, Rosa and Urvin, Camilo, 11/22, \$258,000
116 Oakdale St, Joseph, Calvin M and Joseph, Thanuja I to Plummer, Merline, 11/19, \$380,000
122 Court D Lot 66, Barton, Brian to Nguyen, David, 11/19, \$45,000
127 Success Vlg, Lesperance, Dmitry to Sotelo, Kevin P, 11/24, \$75,000
164 Virginia Ave Lot A, Granello, Gregg G to Estelai, Jonathan, 11/22, \$76,000
187 Greenfield Rd, Masis, Mario to Malla, Angel and Quituzaca, Olga, 11/23, \$400,000
200 Putnam St, Quito-Cusco, Tatiana P to Graham, Derrifree D, 11/24, \$206,000
226 Pennsylvania Ave Lot 226, Busters, Pamela L to Igel, Pincus S and Posen, Aaron, 11/19, \$120,000
226 Worth St, Muralles, Guilver to Noel Jr, David and Noel, Nendirmwa, 11/23, \$250,000
234-238 High Ridge Dr, Gashi, Ragip to Mahran, Laila, 11/19, \$331,000
285 Broad St Lot 285, Voisine, Laura M and Voisine, Shawn M to Liu, Jifeng, 11/22, \$186,000
285 Glendale Ave Lot F6, Station Road Group LLC to Gonzalez, Richard, 11/23, \$135,000
287 Broad St Lot 287, Sook-Fong, Kyoung and Fong, Lawrence to Catala, Jonathan, 11/24, \$190,700
325 Woodside Ave, Ramos, Melissa and Rivera, Angel D to Lazo-Patino, Luis A, 11/19, \$450,000
333 Boston Ave, Divine Enterprise Of Bostn to Victory Brgport Rlty LLC, 11/24, \$820,000
333 Vincellette St Lot 11, Kilroy, Diane A to Loughman, Firozheh and Vaziri, Farzaneh, 11/22, \$162,500
508-510 Pequonnock St, Henry, Charles to Dawkins, Nicholai and Wint, Nickeraah, 11/23, \$350,000
535 Vincellette St Lot 5, Us, Theresa D to Morales, Sandralymar, 11/24, \$148,000
542-544 Pearl Harbor St, Glass, Judith D and Petrovich, Jennifer L to Aguayza, Lazo M and Aguayza-Lazo, M A, 11/23, \$285,000
550-552 Brooks St, Mejia, Cesar to Shamim, Joidaia A, 11/18, \$390,000
575 Hart St, Brennan, Cheyenne M to Iregui-Chala, Maria I and Ines, Iregui C, 11/23, \$200,000
638 Thorne St, Moore, Anthony J and Moore, Kristin S to Mahon, Althea and Mahon, Kaycia, 11/19, \$315,000
763-765 Iranistan Ave, Romero, Friman and Romero, Stephanie to Suarezcriollo, Sonia C, 11/22, \$270,000
800 Seaview Ave Lot 790-5, Lara, Luis to Kesraj, Judy and Kesraj, Parmanand, 11/23, \$295,000
866-870 North Ave, Ngo, Mai and Nguyen,

Nhan to Elmouwfi, Mohamed, 12/14, \$500,000
984 William St Lot D, Sheikh, Furgan to Father&Sons LLC, 11/22, \$56,000
1048-1050 William St, Barrios, Ruben and Cardenas, Vazquez G to Gonzales, Carlos G, 11/23, \$355,000
1094-1096 Iranistan Ave, Ob Christy LLC to Ford, Simone A, 11/18, \$499,000
1354-1358 E Main St, Damian, John U to Atemiz, Elsi E and Estrado, Atemiz E, 11/23, \$80,000
1411 Madison Ave, Montesino, Jesus and Nunezmontesino, Dayme L to Parker, Charmaine and Shaw, Wayne, 11/24, \$340,000
1905-1907 North Ave, Rodriguez, Horacio to Estrada, Nestor L and Garcia, Carolina, 11/23, \$340,000
2353-2357 E Main St, Seyal, Aziz and Sikka, Sailoz to Gateway to Heaven Ministr, 11/19, \$215,000
2600 Park Ave Lot 1P, Brgport Condo Assoc Inc to Benchmark Trading Ltd, 11/19, \$90,000
2675 Park Ave Lot 7, White, Rowena I to Alexander, Jamilah, 11/19, \$275,000
2714-2720 Fairfield Ave, Mary D Fuller T and Fuller, Mary D to 2716 Fairfield Ave Owner, 11/23, \$481,750
2714-2720 Fairfield Ave, 2716 Fairfield Ave Rlty to 2716 Fairfield Ave Owner, 11/23, \$693,250
3200 Madison Ave Lot 28, Anderson, Phyllis to Gonzalez, Sandra P, 11/23, \$225,000
3250 Fairfield Ave Lot 205, Zoni, Brian and Zoni, John to Chappuy, Elody J, 11/23, \$235,000
3250 Fairfield Ave Lot 302, Kosut, Lori A to Schwartz, Danielle, 11/24, \$227,900

BRIDGEWATER
Lillionaln Lake Rd S, PD Associates LLC to Hritz, Kevin and Hritz, Ann M, 12/6, \$100,000
BRISTOL
Mill Pond Dr Lot 49, Industrial Builders&Rlty to Amco Development LLC, 12/8, \$100,000
11 Highland St, Vezeau, Michelle L to 58 Oak LLC, 12/9, \$120,420
19 Woodland St, Parent, James L and Parent, Laura D to Falcone, Brenda, 12/8, \$350,000
41 Burlington Ave, Ashline, Priscilla L to Palmer, Herma M, 12/8, \$240,000
47 Brookview Cir Lot 47, Gaglio, Angela V to Ramaswamy, Kollengode K and Ramaswamy, Rajee, 12/7, \$320,000
56 Beech St, Grand Manor Holdings LLC to House Sweet Home Inc, 12/9, \$225,000
62 Wildewood Run, Spinney Jr, Guy A and Spinney, Karen A to Puppo 3rd, Anthony, 12/6, \$337,000
63 Wolcott St, Landry Properties LLC to Portillo, Lindsay, 12/6, \$289,900
72 Gillette Way Lot 72, Lemieux Developers LLC to Mak, Stephen, 12/10, \$269,900
74 Gillette Way Lot 74, Lemieux Developers LLC to Phelps, Cole H and Polletta, Sara E, 12/10, \$274,900
87 Wilcox St, Ladd, Gregory to Brouker, Drew, 12/7, \$205,000
102 Holley Rd, Robichaud, Curtis A and Robichaud, Mary E to Lisevick, John M, 12/6, \$195,000
102 Lake Ave, Litwinczyk, Thomas W and Litwinczyk, Patricia L to Coughlin, Sean M and Robtham, Stacyann, 12/6, \$237,000
107 Vine Rd, Souza, Dale J to Szymanski, Amanda, 12/9, \$209,000
118 Duncan St, Galvin, Kyle and Galvin, Rachel to Wollenberg, Abby and Poole, Zachary, 12/6, \$228,000
155 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 24, Calandra, Marlene M to Della Bella, Stephen P, 12/10, \$130,000
171 Mark St, Jones, Michele and Jones, Ryan C to Rhodes, Brandon, 12/8, \$305,000
219 Park St, Edginger, Janina to Colehour, Matthew, 12/6, \$115,000
334 West St, Tailion Raymond P Est and Tailion, Kathryn L to Lombardi, Deborah, 12/9, \$150,000
343 Park St, Edginger, Janina to Colehour, Matthew, 12/6, \$157,500
413 Divinity St, Wojewoda, Walter R and Wojewoda, Kathleen H to Bernier, Jeffrey A and Bernier, Caitlin, 12/8, \$225,000
421 Emmett St Lot 1, Diverse Solutions LLC to Tulacro, Albert W, 12/9, \$110,000
1246 Burlington Ave, Mccary, Lauren E to Ladd, Gregory A and Hopkins, Erica L, 12/6, \$280,000
1325 Farmington Ave Lot 52, Foster, Deborah A to Schwartzberg, Eric, 12/8, \$224,999

BROOKFIELD
3 Hidden Brook Dr, Dibartolomeo, Nicola to Newman, Moll C and Newman, John R, 12/10, \$570,000
6 Trailing Ridge Rd, Paster, Theodore J and Paster, Diane M to Mastrogianni, Demitrios and Mastrogianni, Dimitria, 12/9, \$585,000
10 Cherokee Dr, Friedrich, Gerard and Friedrich, Ann M to Kardaris, Dennis S and Bartlam, Noelle V, 12/6, \$510,000
10 White Pine Dr, Daquila, Andrea M and Daquila, Frank T to Limato, Mary E and Currie, Scott K, 12/9, \$525,000
15 Clearview Rd, Newsome-Stewart, W K to Salha, Sueide, 12/6, \$193,000
15 Woodcreek Rd, Vassuturo, William L to Vassuturo, William E and Vassuturo, Ashley B, 12/8, \$400,000
17 Valley View Rd, Escaravage, John and Escaravage, Susan to Valencia, Andres M, 12/6, \$367,500
31 Pocono Ridge Rd, Matheny, Heidi to Nge, Chea and Diggs, Daniel A, 12/7, \$390,000
32 Skyline Dr, Mascolo, John and Mascolo, Laura to Brigs, Christian G and Brigs, Jennifer L, 12/6, \$660,000
336 Federal Rd, Rafferty, Richard E and Rafferty, Doreen A to Deckley Properties LLC, 12/8, \$500,000

BROOKLYN
12 Cricket Ln, Paul, Joshua to Phongsas, Saengathit, 12/6, \$300,000
27 Fairway Dr, Ezzell, Jeffrey A to Ezzell Jr, Joseph J, 11/21, \$90,000

BURLINGTON
2 Cobblestone Rd, Ruscoe, Walter J to Golino, Thomas J and Golino, Linda, 12/6, \$369,900
40 Oak Ridge Rd, Bleiler Ellen H Est and Bleiler, Constance L to Johnson 3rd, Michael E and Johnson, Jennifer, 12/8, \$330,000
4 Gilbert Ln, Griswold Jr, Raymond A and Griswold, Susan M to Reed, Brent and Reed, Erin, 12/7, \$480,000
117 Stone Rd, Angelillo, David and Angelillo, Sandra to Jennings, Joshua and Labrie, Jillian, 12/7, \$355,000

CANTERBURY
514 Westminster Rd, Shimckus, Bidney G to Sanville, Nichole L and Sanville, Michael D, 12/6, \$322,000

CANTON
9 Erickson Dr, Youell, Jared to Humphrey, Ryan and Rana, Nisha, 12/6, \$280,000
30 Morgan Rd, York, Austin D and Gooden, Leah A to Therrien, Gary P and Therrien, Theresa, 12/6, \$375,000
130 Main St Lot 3B, Houghton, Aimee to Twarkins, Rene, 12/8, \$165,000

CHAPLIN
49 England Rd, Taylor, Janice A to Goodrich, Pamela A, 12/8, \$78,000

CHESHIRE
10 George Ave, Midline Properties LLC to George Aquatic LLC, 12/6, \$320,000
10 Inverness Ct, Olson, Victoria L to Grinnell, Zachary A and Grinnell, Jillian C, 12/9, \$640,000
23 Chamberlain Ct, Santoro, Elizabeth to Dacunto, Heather, 12/8, \$1,200,888
30 Allen Ave, Dante A Pasquaoloni RET and Pasquaoloni 3rd, Dante A to Ostuno, Jeffrey and Ostuno, Krista, 12/10, \$100,000
35 Glen Ct, Wolff, Michelle to Dejesus, Edwin G and Dejesus, Christina A, 12/8, \$365,000
61 Allen Ave, Dante A Pasquaoloni RET and Pasquaoloni 3rd, Dante A to Ostuno, Jeffrey and Ostuno, Krista, 12/10, \$100,000
71 Cheshire Hill Side Vlg, Connor, Patricia M to Scaramozza, David A and Scaramozza,

James M, 12/9, \$125,900
83 Poplar Dr, DTD Group LLC to Osullivan Jr, Shawn P, 12/7, \$292,500
140 Charter Oak Dr, Murray, Peter R and Murray, Lisa T to Greaves, Jonathan C and Jamieson, Alexandra, 12/10, \$535,000
163 Victoria Dr, Tahmoush, Frank G and Tahmoush, Karen J to Guertin, Richard and Guertin, Kathleen, 12/8, \$659,900
201 N Rolling Acres Rd, Rowland Ralph T Est and Majewski, Lisa to Dupont, Donald R and Dupont, Theresa, 12/9, \$315,000
346 Guinevere Rdg, Walz Jr, Lincoln J and Walz, Jennifer L to Hauswirth, Todd E and Hauswirth, Sarah W, 12/7, \$430,000
336 Peck Ln, Schiavi, Jeffrey and Schiavi, Regina to Wisniewska, Maria, 12/9, \$330,000
705 S Main St Lot 705, Obrien, Emily L to Pallerlamudi, S and Godadevi, Venkata, 12/6, \$220,000
1471 S Main St, Alvi, Awaish and Aziz, Ayesha to PCTV Investments LLC, 12/6, \$270,000

COLCHESTER
7 Westchester Hls Lot F, Barnett, Kevin and Barnett, Kia to Glettenberg, Diane and Glettenberg, Marc, 12/7, \$142,500
12 Chestnut Dr, Ahmed T and Ahmed, Peter J to Hall, Christopher M, 12/6, \$212,000
16 Colburn Dr, B&B Prop Holdings LLC to Russoatto, Rosario and Russoatto, Malgorzata, 12/6, \$437,000
31 Louis Ln, Renfro James Est and Renfro, Shane to Mullis, Darlene M and Mullis, Jimmy D, 12/8, \$227,000
39 Elm St, Thomas, Cynthia and Thomas, Brian to Ecott, Christie and Ecott, Dan, 12/9, \$290,000
59 Mill Hill Rd, Pariser Enterprises LLC to Baledes, Christopher P, 12/7, \$230,000
100 Park Ave, Delaney Jr, Edward J to Moreau, Jacob and Moreau, Sabrena N, 12/7, \$186,900
115 James St, Sim, Hwang S and Sim, Myung O to Piasecki, Emily P, 12/8, \$219,000
126 Westchester Rd, Brett-Dimberg, Dorothy to Ogren Jr, Nils E, 12/7, \$179,980
168 Standish Rd, Schwartz, Tanner F to Boutote, Darrin M and Boutote, Sonia J, 12/8, \$385,000
186 New London Rd, Guarnaccia, Rosemary and Albanese, Charleen G to Demerchant, Wade, 12/6, \$225,000
309 Chestnut Hill Rd, Tanner, Keith and Tanner, Stephanie to Yordan, Lawrence D and Jordan, Cheryl B, 12/6, \$330,000
1012 Canterbury Ln Lot 1012, Susan W Bilo-deau T and Biloedeau, Russell J to Sioch Jr, Edward B, 12/9, \$195,000

COLUMBIA
4 Parker Bridge Rd, Shower, Kevin P to Wollen, Judy M and Wollen, Terry S, 12/6, \$195,000
28 Old Willimantic Rd, Kearns, Karen W to Torres, Kathryn M and Torres, Gaviel, 12/7, \$365,000
28-A Hunt Rd, Weise, Andrew P to Justinianno, Marisol, 12/6, \$455,000
CORNWALL
102 Holley Rd, Robichaud, Curtis A and Robichaud, Mary E to Lisevick, John M, 12/6, \$195,000
102 Lake Ave, Litwinczyk, Thomas W and Litwinczyk, Patricia L to Coughlin, Sean M and Robtham, Stacyann, 12/6, \$237,000
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1246 Burlington Ave, Mccary, Lauren E to Ladd, Gregory A and Hopkins, Erica L, 12/6, \$280,000
1325 Farmington Ave Lot 52, Foster, Deborah A to Schwartzberg, Eric, 12/8, \$224,999

COVENTRY
18 Rabbit Trl, Papandrea, Nicholas J to Birch, James C and Giroux-Birch, Susan M, 12/6, \$225,000
155 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 24, Calandra, Marlene M to Della Bella, Stephen P, 12/10, \$130,000
171 Mark St, Jones, Michele and Jones, Ryan C to Rhodes, Brandon, 12/8, \$305,000
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1325 Farmington Ave Lot 52, Foster, Deborah A to Schwartzberg, Eric, 12/8, \$224,999

CROMWELL
15 Country Squire Dr Lot A, Fahey, Karen to Lacombe, Megan, 12/8, \$112,500
131 Skyview Dr Lot 131, Backus, Kent N to Lenahan, Kate and Strong, Joshua, 12/6, \$200,000
131 Woodland Dr Lot 131, Lentini Lawrence C Est and Christopher, Lentini L to Ward, Michael, 12/9, \$127,700

DANBURY
8 High Meadow HI, Coco, Joseph C and Coco, Judith B to Ferreira, Alexy, 12/1, \$488,747
15 Judith Dr, Greaves, Carol A to Falconer, Matthew and Falconer, Kimberly, 12/2, \$350,000
27 Crows Nest Ln Lot 11M, Schmeltz, Douglas P and Nationstar Mortgage LLC to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, 12/1, \$210,000
32 Lawrence Ave Lot 32, Albright, David to Foley, Debra, 12/1, \$465,000
166 Old Brookfield Rd Lot 2E1, Hunt, Jennifer to Creaturo, Susanne, 12/2, \$170,000
249 White St, K&T Realty Inc to Tromege LLC, 12/1, \$400,000

DARIEN
48 Tulip Tree Ln, Haranzo, Mark E and Haranzo, Igilda R to Gorman, Dana and Gorman, Cristina, 12/1, \$1,695,000
50 Mansfield Ave, Kellogg, James and Kellogg, Christine to Branca, Melanie A, 12/1, \$2,100,000

DEEP RIVER
51 Whitlesey Brook Rd, Weise Aimee Est and Richard, Mark to Rowan, Elizabeth and Rowan, Hubert, 12/8, \$368,000

DERBY
19 Mason St, Sponheimer Susan Est and Sponheimer, John P to Contreras, Giselle and Giselle, Martin P, 12/6, \$319,900

DURHAM
428 Main St, We M&M Ventures LLC to Gerry Group LLC, 12/8, \$1,000,000
463-R Madison Rd, Osullivan, Matthew D and Osullivan, Sarah M to Delgado-Salazar, Rocio, 12/6, \$310,000
520 Haddam Quarter Rd, Carmelina V Bower T and Bower Jr, Lewis P to Moki, Kristine and Niki, Lara, 12/8, \$492,500

EAST GRANBY
7 Surray Dr, Hansen, Robert P and Hansen, Donna M to Galvin, Kyle J and Galvin, Rachel, 12/8, \$312,000
146 N Main St, Vazquez, Avery and Vazquez, Nicole to Evans, Wesley L and Evans, Elizabeth, 12/6, \$461,500

EAST HADDAM
6 Petticoat Ln, Nasta, Jesse and Pak, Kichul to Heise 3rd, Brooks B, 12/7, \$440,000
25 Olmstead Rd, Matjasic, Peter A and Marsillo, Christina M to Marsillo, Christina M, 12/6, \$450,000
32 Hill Top Rd, Valentino, Dorothy M to Gallicchio, Marina and Carone, Vincent, 12/6, \$230,000
54 Millington Rd, Edwards, Cindy and Edwards, Erin to Wawrzynowicz, Devan M, 12/7, \$400,000
55 Bogel Rd, Scott, Amanda W and Whitington, Kalle S to Heath, Michael E and Heath, James M, 12/7, \$299,900

EAST HARTFORD
4 Fuller Ave, Vaughn, Nicole J to Davis, Edith and Davis, Kelly, 12/6, \$184,900
4-8 Burnside Ave, Craig H Maurer LT and Maurer, Craig H to Rivera, Juan R, 12/7, \$275,000
9-15 Casabella Cir, Goulet, Robert to Baribault Jr, Lewis and Baribault 3rd, Lewis A, 12/7, \$383,000
10 Manor Cir, Elliot, Jayne to Vo, Nga T, 12/9, \$138,000
11-13 Blinn St, Perez, Ronn to Clarke, Mccarty, 12/6, \$254,900
16 Franklin Woods Dr, Ferguson, Bertram to Live&Recover LLC, 12/6, \$265,000
32-34 Timothy Rd, Thomas, Michael to Thomas, Sandra E, 12/8, \$275,000
50 Scotland Rd Lot 5B, Wiener, Elizabeth T to Johnson, Nicole, 12/8, \$149,900
55-57 Graham Rd, Rondinone, Donna M to Escalante, Oscar A and Acosta, Dinora H, 12/7, \$310,000
83 Cornell Cir, Alvarez, Claudia W to Joseph,

Clyde J and Joseph, Leticia, 12/7, \$270,000
99-101 Orchard St, Masias, Yessenia P to Lugo, Jennifer L, 12/6, \$270,000
114 Arbutus St, Torres, Fernando to Maldonado, Javier, 12/9, \$209,300
114 Jerry Rd, Arcand, John P to Zalaski, Joseph and Zalaski, Denise, 12/2, \$285,000
125 Jerry Rd, Edgar A Ramspeck LT and Raksnis, Susanne to Martinez, Cheryl and Martinez, Joel, 12/8, \$350,000
207 Monroe St, Sott Eileen B Est and Doyle, Clare to Waller, Eileen S, 12/9, \$150,000
284 Guinevere Rdg, Walz Jr, Lincoln J and Walz, Jennifer L to Hauswirth, Todd E and Hauswirth, Sarah W, 12/7, \$430,000
265 Ellington Rd, School Street Plaza LLC to 265 Connecticut LLC, 12/8, \$6,700,000
1429 Main St, Callahan Childrens T and Callahan, Katelyn to Edens Lodge LLC, 12/7, \$230,000

EAST HAVEN
8 Mountain View Ter, Ortiz, Maricelli to Signore, Renee H, 12/10, \$290,000
24 Vernon St, Luckey, Spencer W to Romprey, Dolly, 12/7, \$160,000
31 Brazos Rd, Coppola, Robert and Coppola, Debora to Spann, Marisa M and Scheinost, Dustin, 12/7, \$600,000
40 Pardee Pl, Savino, Peter V to Baffoe, Flitcher and Baffoe, Asnat, 12/6, \$323,500
88 Grannis St, Sullick, George T to Simeone, Francesca J, 12/9, \$220,000
91 Beachside Ave Lot 91, Kessler, Myles A to Rumino, Kimberly and Rumino, Juan, 12/9, \$500,000
154 Dodge Ave, Lydem, Corinne to Santorolski, Scott and Santorolski, Lisa, 12/6, \$110,500

EAST LYME
10 N Ledge Rock Rd, Donovan, Sean P and Donovan, Melissa A to Nguyen, Qagan D, 12/7, \$346,000
11 Birch St, Dnutt Donna R Est and Urbani, Robin L to Seymour, David and Seymour, Anna, 12/6, \$385,000
90 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Libby, David and US Bank NA to Cipparone, Joseph A, 12/6, \$234,917

EAST WINDSOR
1 Dempsey Rd, Letourneau Bros Const LLC to Buckingham, John L and Buckingham, Mary A, 12/10, \$480,000
9 Broadview Ln, Showcase Builders LLC to Perron, Bryan and Carrilli, Kaylynn, 12/9, \$215,000
73 Mourning Dove Trl Lot 73, Hunt, Kathleen A and Hunt, Bryce F to Baron, Mark K and Andrews, Robert, 12/9, \$285,000
76 Miller Rd, Nickodemski, Steven E to Giroux, Lisa, 12/6, \$270,000
87 Depot St, Riggs-Johnson, Kimberly A to Ivanisin, Jamie, 12/8, \$205,900
EASTON
30 E Common Rd, Michaels, Christopher P and Michaels, Mary D to Strube, Karen and Strube, Austin, 12/7, \$764,000
90 Marsh Rd, Agosti, Paul G and Deutsche Bank Natl T Co to Deutsche Bank Natl T Co, 12/10, \$420,000
706 N Park Ave, Nemergut, Sophie to Canning, Conon and Canning, Shannon, 12/9, \$620,000
730 N Park Ave, Agostino, Mary I to Orticeili, David, 12/7, \$470,000

ELLINGTON
9 Hatheway Rd, Shea, Timothy to Guarino Jr, Paul and Guarino, Jenife, 12/3, \$360,000
437 Somers Rd, Mcdorert, Amanda and Mcdormott, Brendan to Castick, Alec D and Captick, Mega C, 12/2, \$290,000

ENFIELD
Abbe Rd, Raffia, Donna G to M&K Hill LLC, 11/24, \$30,000
Enfield St, S Bnk Enfield LLC to Enfield Town Of, 11/30, \$277,350
Tabor Rd, Harry, Brinton S to Croteau, Karen, 12/2, \$210,000
15 Shaker Hill Rd, Burgess, Brian to Mcgaughey, Caitlin, 11/24, \$227,350
16 Maple St, Burgess, Brian to Mcgaughey, Caitlin, 11/24, \$227,350
20 Watch Hill Dr, Mannarino Builders Inc to Black, Robert, 11/30, \$493,197
29 Crescent Beach Dr, Blair, Jeffrey N to McAleese, George and McAleese, Lynn, 12/3, \$250,000
31 Washington Rd, Hill, Bobbi Jeanne to Guinn, Lloyd and Guinn, Juanita C, 11/30, \$225,000
33 Spruceland Rd, Scussel, Anthony to Scussel, Sharon L, 11/30, \$160,000
48 Maple St, Brzezicki, Joseph M to Abbastessa, Colin M, 12/12, \$206,000
64 Palomba Dr Lot 24, Conroy, Joni A and Conroy, Jeffrey P to New Path Counseling LLC, 11/30, \$138,000
205 Terrace Cir, Carr, Joshua L to Schlesinger, Kara A and Vaughan, Derek T, 12/2, \$240,000
438 Columbia Rd, Gallo-Tarbox, Joyce D to Zaccaro, Nicholas, 11/24, \$140,000

ESSEX
7 Hanna Ln, Williams, Peter to Cordsen, Kathleen P, 12/6, \$3,650,000
22 Main St, Casace, John A to Dick Godfrey FT and Dick, David L, 12/7, \$1,250,000
28 Dennison Rd, Carolyn W Timmerman T 2 and Timmerman, Carolyn W to Weinstein, Brian and Weinstein, Lauren, 12/10, \$1,650,000
48-A&B Comstock Ave, Unghire, Janan to Repp, Karen, 12/8, \$290,000

FAIRFIELD
Blakeside Crms Lot 1, Grant, Alan and Grant, Kimberly to Demartino, Matthew, 12/9, \$810,00

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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to DMS LT and Sligar, James S, 12/10, \$2,241,000

225 Summer Hill Rd, Engingro 3rd, Vincent M to Odenweller, Erin A, 12/7, \$586,000
406 Bartlett Dr, Andrews, Lee W and Andrews, Deborah P to Tichy, Justin M and Tichy, Laura M, 12/7, \$655,000
1306 Boston Post Rd, Alma Associates LLC to Steamed Central LLC, 12/6, \$590,000

MANCHESTER

5 Northfield St, La, Richard V to Mullings, Nikitta N, 12/8, \$273,000
7 Northfield St, La, Richard V to Mullings, Nikitta N, 12/8, \$273,000
28 Bliss St, Gjelaj, Pale to Kuffour, Lesley, 12/9, \$240,000
38 Gianna Dr Lot 38, Kurri, Rajeswara R to Kopuri, Shanti R, 12/7, \$272,000
43 Wellington Rd, We Are Buying Prop LLC to Neveau, Brian J, 12/10, \$282,500
49 Woodland St Lot G, Dehlavi, Sanaulah to Chaudhry, Ahmed J, 12/6, \$169,000
54 Seaman Cir, Labonte, Arthur W to Laemmel, Thomas and Laemmel, Andrea J, 12/6, \$160,000
56 Seaman Cir, Labonte, Arthur W to Laemmel, Thomas and Laemmel, Andrea J, 12/6, \$160,000
78 Erie St, Bartek, Thomas J to Chiller, Christopher and Chiller, Angela, 12/8, \$315,000
150 Bayberry Rd, Bayberry Developers LLC to Tsuji, Nobuko and Tsuji, Minoru S, 12/9, \$90,000
213 Oakland St Lot B, Tatem, Christine to Bell, Brittany, 12/10, \$180,000
322 Oakland St, Fonseca, Luzmila to Irizarry, Glorimar, 12/8, \$200,000
424 Vernon St, Hemingway, Patricia N to Mills, Sergio L and Bermudez, Melissa, 12/6, \$215,000
470 Birch Mountain Rd, Gorii, Niloofar and Ghiaei, Afshin to Miller, Carter W and Frye, Laura H, 12/7, \$336,000
652 N Main St, Reid, Whitney L to Gelinas, Aimee E, 12/7, \$186,000

MANSFIELD

16 Hunting Heights Dr, Storrs Property Group LLC to Emres 2 CT Phase 2 LLC, 12/9, \$5,525,000
87 Pleasant Valley Rd, Larson, Kelsey A to Mahon, Laura, 12/10, \$250,000
120 Clover Mill Rd, Yang, Zhongyong to Ghiaei, Aida, 12/8, \$205,000
177 Davis Rd, Wojcik, Christopher M and Rayner, Kelly G to Akerley Builders LLC, 12/9, \$200,000
205 Pleasant Valley Rd, Wollen, Terry S and Wollen, Judy M to Carl Jr, Charles W and Carl, Kathryn M, 12/7, \$725,000

MARLBOROUGH

42 Portland Rd, Maggioni, Nicola to Madore, Collin and Rhoades, Delaney, 12/7, \$280,000
102 Flood Rd, Losty, Mark S to Losty, Christopher, 12/9, \$217,000
121 Flood Rd, Schachtner, Karl A and Schachtner, Laura C to Debowsky, Tanner D and Delzell, Kristin T, 12/7, \$300,000

MIDDLEBURY

20 Narcissus Rd, Dean, Glenn B and Dean, Julie L to Hoyt, Beth E and Hoyt, Robert, 12/7, \$340,000
70 Glenwood Ave, Munoz Jr, Carlos and Munoz, Cynthia to Gomez, Hilda and Gomez, Silvestre, 12/7, \$275,000
76 Woodland Rd, Sheehy, Kathleen to Hollon, Frances and Hollon, Jacob, 12/6, \$540,000

MIDDLETOWN

80 W Wynd Ter, Holley James E Est and Lolley, Darrell to Beschler, Matthew, 12/2, \$305,000
622 High St, 618-620 High Street LLC to 622 High Street LLC, 12/1, \$186,500

MILFORD

11 Jones Ct, Gregory, Daniel S to Cizkowski, Jacy M and Cizkowski, Melissa A, 12/3, \$169,950
13 Jones Ct, Gregory, Daniel S to Cizkowski, Jacy M and Cizkowski, Melissa A, 12/3, \$169,950
18 Lawrence Ave, Gelb Jr, Joseph to McCormick, Sheree and Gray, David, 12/3, \$385,000
38 Wepawaug Dr, Steinerts, Alfons L and Steinerts, Catherine A to Prine, Alyxandra, 12/3, \$333,777
162 Nettleton Ave, Booth, Valerie to Zheng, De X and Lin, Xizhui, 12/3, \$485,000
169 Chapel St, Delanese, Robert and Delanese, Roberto to Thomas, Kathleen, 12/3, \$325,000
311 Herbert St, Savisky, Timothy J and Savisky, Jody A to Son, Christine L, 12/2, \$556,000
31 Housatonic Dr, Kealey Grace Est and Kealey, Catherine to Fitzpatrick, Mark, 12/2, \$437,500
793 Milford Point Rd, Bella Prop Milford LLC to Zeko, Atixhe, 12/2, \$335,000
879 Milford Point Rd, Carson, Jessica to Jean, Myriam, 12/2, \$335,000

MONROE

3 Highland Dr Lot 3, Hammond, Robert and McAuley, Patricia to Cook-Dietter, Lisa, 12/6, \$253,900
10 Wrabel Cir Lot 10, Nargiso, Elizabeth to Gerry, Caitlin, 12/6, \$359,500
23 Knollwood St, Vangelender, Joan and Vangelender, Peter to Norment, Douglas J, 12/7, \$499,000
30 Gerardo Dr, Macfarlane, John D to Keyges, Anthony C and King, Toni M, 12/6, \$550,000
31 Pine Tree Rd, Hansen, Paulette A and Hansen, Robert K to Sherpa, Phurba, 12/8, \$450,000
37 Turkey Roost Rd, Singer, Moses to Alves, Melissa M and Mally, Alfred, 12/6, \$395,000
59 Senior Dr Lot 59, Albuquerque, Alexandre and Albuquerque, Celeste to Nemergut, Sophie, 12/6, \$145,000
94 Georges Ln, Pace, David G and Pace, Loren Z to Mendoca, Alexandra and Mendoca, Duarte, 12/7, \$543,000
100 Greenwood Ln, Bath, Anne M and Bath, John F to Ganic, Dzemal and Ganic, Seftek, 12/6, \$439,000
110 Elm St, CT Houses LLC to Amaya-Grote, Maria J and Perimenis, Peter J, 12/8, \$600,000
447 Monroe Tpke, Parkway Plaza Inc to Dania Prop Inv Co, 12/6, \$4,400,000

MONTVILLE

5 Driscoll Dr, Palermo, Brandi W to Bigham, Kenneth P and Bigham, Ashlynn F, 12/2, \$255,000
7 Cranberry Dr, King, Samuel J and King, Mary J to Mack, Avalon M and Mack, Wilbur J, 12/1, \$359,900
95 Leitao Dr, Przekop Philip J Jr Est and Przekop, Jason J to Lepore, David, 12/1, \$220,000
73 Maple Ave, Shallcross Jr, William J and Shallcross, Mia to Courvilles Garage Inc, 12/3, \$105,000
331 Route 162, 331 Route 163 LLC to Harper, William, 12/3, \$379,000

MORRIS

5 Farnham Rd, Rinaldi, Jeffrey A and Rinaldi, Barbara J to Perez, Jennifer and Perez, Jose A, 12/6, \$327,000

NAUGATUCK

2 Adella St, Bertoth Jr, Ernest J to Bargo, Lopez I, 12/8, \$240,000
18 General Patton Dr, Rivera, Justin to Osborne, Germain, 12/7, \$275,000
20 Hickory Ln, Pelosi, Lucille M and Petto, John J to Edwards, Alida J and Edwards, Modesto C, 12/7, \$285,000
30 Warm Earth Rd, Kovalsky, Sandra J to PMG Construction LLC, 12/9, \$74,950
32 Hilltop Rd, Lopes, Christiana D to Paul, Tabitha J and Paul Sr, Williams, 12/6, \$270,000
42-44 High St, Hursid, Fevzi to Ballantyne, Vashiti J and James, Robert G, 12/6, \$460,000
4 City Hill Ct, Berghauser, Lisa A to Morales, Richard and Rodriguez, Jennifer V, 12/9, \$288,400

55 Hilltop Rd, Mckenzie Jr, Lloyd W to Dionne Jr, David K, 12/6, \$250,000
58 Partridgeown Rd, Knapik, Gary J and Knapik, Margaret A to Munoz, Andy J and Munoz, Marina M, 12/6, \$402,500
78 Johnson St, Reis, Ubiratan D to Schilling, Eric, 12/6, \$310,000
92 General Patton Dr, Helthaus, Carolyn M to Fletter, Mark E, 12/8, \$327,000
109 Johnson St, Trzaski, Julie M to Espinoza, Gabriella, 12/9, \$162,000
136 High Ridge Rd, Orbista Jr, Cesar M to Bennett, Veryl and Coulibaly, Djenebou, 12/6, \$350,000
156 Lewis St, Figol, Alexander M to Pina, Angel, 12/9, \$165,000
177 Andrew Ave, Berryman, David E to Moore, Anthony, 12/8, \$199,000
180 Gorman St, Cruz Jr, Luis to Blair, Nicholas, 12/6, \$359,000
261 Millville Ave, Fry, Richard M and Fry, Cashmere G to Sienia, Samantha, 12/6, \$255,000
264 Mulberry St, Burke, Trevor to X55 LLC, 12/9, \$155,000
391 High St, Demelo, Manuel A to Melo, Paul A, 12/6, \$232,500
561 Hillside Ave, Rosa, Hazel E to Lojko-Haslett, Christine and Haslett, Mark T, 12/7, \$387,500
670 Millville Ave, Connely Jr, Joseph P and Musco, Mildred M to Cortez, Isabel K and Cruz, Karla I, 12/7, \$200,000

NEW BRITAIN

21 Richard St, Elmer Robinson T and Robinson, Derek to Elmer Robinson T and Robinson, Derek, 11/29, \$162,400
22 Park Pl Lot 5R, Ahern, Jean F to Kurowski, Karolina and Winiaz, Angelika, 11/30, \$65,000
401 Farmington Ave, Williams, Hillary J to Wysocka, Grazyna, 11/29, \$137,000

NEW CANAAN

N/A, Libertiny, Pamela to Kathleen Grogan T and Grogan, Kathleen, 11/17, \$25,000
N/A, Wodjula, Andrew and Raetz, Elizabeth to Basciano, Valerie, 11/18, \$365,000
N/A, Wend Meyer RET and Ryan, Jennifer to 18 Mead LLC, 11/24, \$1,010,000
2 White Birch Rd, McAleer, Patricia to Ho, Pui and Westhead, Andrew, 11/11, \$1,710,000
4 Wahackme Ln, Kemp, Susan and Kemp, James to Solano RET 2021 and Solano, Blair, 11/10, \$1,875,000
19 Thayer Pond Rd, McLaughlin, Mark and Enrique, Ninette to Colella, Lorenzo and Colella, Alissa, 11/10, \$1,265,000
22 Parish Ln, Smith, Michael and Smith, Jaime to Gabrielsen FT and Gabrielsen, Daniel, 11/29, \$2,500,000
38 Canoe Hill Rd, Gardiner, Carl to Manley, Connor and Taverna, Megan, 12/3, \$3,110,000
38 Mead St Lot 11, Martin Janice Est and Martin, Christopher to Mancini, Kevin, 11/29, \$785,000
39 Park Pl Lot 39, Haik, Mary to Briggs, Cynthia, 11/15, \$670,000
45 Jelliff Mill Rd Lot 45, Rock Alok LLC to Rosener, James and Rosener, Susan, 12/2, \$1,350,000
78 Heritage Hill Rd Lot A, Starobin, Amy to Iwanowicz, Katzyrna, 11/11, \$360,000
79 Llewellyn Dr, Siegel, Matthew and Siegel, Erica to Lobban, Sam and Leach, Rosalind, 12/2, \$1,529,000
82 Twin Pond Ln, Grubbs, Stephen and Grubbs, Virginia to Peak, William and Peak, Whitney, 11/17, \$1,855,000
102 Oak St, Williams, Eleanor to Degen, Kathleen and Degen, Scott, 11/18, \$1,955,000
111 Heritage Hill Rd Lot 111, Ferrante, Jason and Ferrante, Stephanie to Zamora, Julio and Zamora, Marisa, 11/16, \$625,000
113 Thurton Dr, Wagner, David and Wagner, Christine to Stephens, Kelly and Pieri, Trevor, 12/2, \$2,485,000
130 Mariom Rd, 130 Mariom Rd LLC to Socaransky, Jordan and Socaransky, Carlie, 11/23, \$3,700,000
143 Heritage Hill Rd Lot D, Conner, Deborah to Dolan, Marianne, 12/2, \$305,000
160 Park St Lot 303, M2 Partners LLC to Miller, David, 11/30, \$1,435,000
170 Bridle Path Ln, Canaan Mews Inc to Nelson, Eric and Esposito, Sabrina, 11/18, \$1,300,000
179 South Ave Lot 13, Cerow, Peter to Starr, Diane, 11/18, \$800,000
180 Hawks Hill Rd, Tahajian, Joanne to Salgan, Alex and Salgan, Kristina, 11/16, \$1,900,000
180 Hawks Hill Rd, Pinto, Acacio and Pinto, Ida to Tahajian, Joanne, 11/11, \$1,725,000
180 Park St Lot 205, M2 Partners LLC to Dunning, Patricia, 12/3, \$1,725,000
181 Richmond Hill Rd, Somerby, Elizabeth to King, Thomas, 11/30, \$900,000
186 Laurel Rd, Stanton, Mary to Duffy, William and Duffy, Holly, 11/18, \$1,350,000
205 Main St Lot 4, Johnson, George and Johnson, Teresa to Demail, Dominic and Demail, Diane, 12/2, \$889,000
205 Main St Lot 3, Mcmillan, Cynthia to Rajkowski, Edward and Rajkowski, Deirdre, 11/30, \$975,000
230 White Oak Shade Rd, Mettler, Stephen and Mettler, Stacy to Barry, Jonathan and Barry, Kim, 11/31, \$1,700,000
256 Park St Lot 256, Cheng, Xiaoying to Roscoe, Meredith and Roscoe, David, 11/19, \$800,000
309 Lukes Wood Rd, Kekedjian, Aris and Kekedjian, Patricia to Gelfman, Yuriy and Gelfman, Amy, 11/24, \$4,050,000
492 Oenoke Rdg, Spitzfaden, Harold and Spitzfaden, Mary to Gaumer, Michael and Gaumer, Samantha, 11/16, \$2,075,000
559 Oenoke Rdg, Moon, Jennifer to Sapanski, James, 11/12, \$3,475,000
830 Carter St, Bradley Jr, Victor to Nguyen, Jimmy and Hodson, Sarah, 11/16, \$515,000
1279 Smith Ridge Rd, Aequity Holdings LC to Holden, Laura and Holden, Taylor, 11/17, \$1,927,500

NEW FAIRFIELD

4 Cypress St, General Re Holdings LLC to Kagoro, Esther K and Kagoro, Alexander K, 12/10, \$390,000
4-A Saw Mill Rd, Cofish Hill Const LLC to Gaboury, Nicholas and Crost, Emily, 12/8, \$540,000
13 State Route 37, Santomero Gloria Est and Santomero 2nd, C M to Santomero, Camilio M, 12/8, \$83,000
15 State Route 37, 15 Route 37 LLC to Santomero, Camilio M, 12/8, \$342,000
28 Lake Dr S, Bettj, Elke E to Croxton, Kevin and Croxton, Bonnie, 12/9, \$1,525,000
174 State Route 37, Strol, Ronald to Mackie, Trevor, 12/9, \$410,000

NEW HARTFORD

33 Wickett St, Chamberlain, Timothy P and Chamberlain, Lauren D to Goncalves, Ashley, 12/1, \$135,000
45 Steele Rd, Casey, Patrick and Casey, Tammy L to Pascariello, Nancy and Pascariello, Anthony, 12/8, \$610,000
185 Whitebeck Rd, Muckle Mary H Est and Thebeault, Laura to Devito, Jeffrey, 12/2, \$160,000
193 Cotton Hill Rd, Carlson, Robert S to Corvin, Laura J and Walsh, Hugh N, 12/6, \$415,000
557 Main St, Devove, Mark S and Devove, Nancy E to Anderson, John C and Anderson, Shirley, 12/9, \$300,000

NEW HAVEN

6 Skyview Ln, Vega, Marilyn to Olivar-Guerro, Maria G and Cardenas, Elroy, 12/7, \$260,000
13 Norwood Rd, Colon, Frances to Cancel, Wilfredo and Delgado, Bianca, 12/10, \$170,000
19 Shoreham Rd, Sachem Capital Corp to Riegelmann, William, 12/8, \$231,000
30 Frances Hunter Dr, Newman, Hong Eng to Wanas, Susan A and Warner, Elizabeth A, 12/6, \$350,000
70 Ivy St, Staton Laura Est and Mccoy, Hilda to Rodriguez-Vargas, Jorge A and Perez, Jeremy I, 12/8, \$190,500
100 York St Lot 5E, Oconnell, Jerid and Oconnell, Linda to Link, Jeffrey, 12/6, \$17,000

124 Lambertson St, Maxine, Butters and Select Portfolio Svc Inc to Select Portfolio Svc Inc, 12/7, \$85,385
126 Hobart St, Bigard, Nikia to Altsuhler Investments, 12/9, \$327,000
235 W Hazel St, George, Gracie N to BH Weingreen Realty LLC, 12/7, \$375,000
265 Kneeland Rd, Lazarre, Marjorie to Redd, Randall J, 12/7, \$270,000
284 Hallock Ave, Crespo, Jose A to Altsuhler Investments, 12/9, \$410,000
306 Exchange St, Offei Jr, Joseph to Shelton Ventures LLC, 12/7, \$235,000
323 Munson St, Edwards, Danika to Marawiti-Koola, Mercy, 12/10, \$175,000
329 Dixwell Ave, Freedom Temple Holts, 12/9, \$180,000
329 Ellsworth Ave, Masterson, Hugh and Masterson, John J to Masterson, Aidan, 12/6, \$300,000
561 Middletown Ave, Drivas, George to Premier Specialty Foods, 12/9, \$269,000
675 Townsend Ave Lot 119, Bowman, Drew N to Carfora, Pamela, 12/6, \$165,000
702 Quinnipiac Ave Lot A, Pallenberg, Lisa to Mill River Rentals LLC, 12/8, \$158,000
745 George St, Stevens, Travis to Sameli Realty LLC, 12/10, \$325,000
844 Elm St, Bazylewicz, Adam and Bazylewicz, Boguslaw to Matlack, Allison and Luekens, Craig, 12/9, \$335,000
1243 Quinnipiac Ave Lot 515, Asamoah, Kwasi A and Asamoah, Angela to Eagle Pwami LLC, 12/7, \$90,000

NEW LONDON

7 Admiral Dr, Reuben Levin Residuary T and Levin, Monica P to Archer, Susan K, 12/3, \$380,000
11 Viets St, J SQD Enterprises CT LLC to Aparicio, Lorines M, 12/3, \$215,000
22 Alger St, Johnson, Garry D and Johnson, Mara I to Johnson, Rachel A, 12/7, \$205,000
24 Alger St, Johnson, Garry D and Johnson, Mara I to Johnson, Rachel A, 12/7, \$205,000
27 Willetts Ave, Hinds, John to Kuchyt, Kayleigh, 12/3, \$167,000
39 Terrace Ave, Galiney, John K to Tripathi, Rajendra, 12/6, \$255,000
51 Willetts Ave, Hastings, Alexander N to Taveras, Giselle M and Torres, Steven E, 12/6, \$159,600
53 Cedar Grove Ave, Nauta, Lillian M to Kennedy, Connor M and Zhang, Man, 12/6, \$150,000
53 Cole St, Eagle World Assoc LLC to Perzanowski, Sally and Perzanowski, Douglas, 12/6, \$125,000
54 Gardner Ave, Basilica, Gwendolyn M to Gray 3rd, Thomas M and Gray, Melinda, 12/8, \$625,000
58 Jefferson Ave, Cambi, Manuel F and Vanegas, Maria A to Cochancela, Juan C, 12/6, \$220,000
67 Maple Ave, Johnson, Dana R to Nugent, Devon and Nugent, Clare M, 12/6, \$160,000
77 Rosemary St, Crouse, Logan E to Colon, Rene M, 12/6, \$172,000
84 Raymond St, Mack, Diana L to Mena, Yazmin and Deopozo-Martinez, Robert, 12/7, \$184,000
100 Montauk Ave, Prochorena, Walter and Prochorena, Nancy J to BLH RT LLC, 12/7, \$105,000
101 Plant St, Kaplan, Johnna to Redhead, Colin G and Redhead, Judith, 12/8, \$265,000
151 Montauk Ave, Filip, Leticia V to Gerry, Janice and Arteaga, Carrie, 12/6, \$61,700
151 Montauk Ave, GMB Associates LLC to Gerry, Janice and Arteaga, Carrie, 12/6, \$61,700
151 Montauk Ave, UK Props to Gerry, Janice and Arteaga, Carrie, 12/6, \$61,700
169 Montauk Ave, Pyramid Bldrs 993 Bk St to Kutschker, Hillary, 12/8, \$306,000
208 Ocean Ave, Helina A Strazza LT and Strazza, Helen A to Silva, Marilee P, 12/8, \$250,000
461 Bank St Lot 209, Sayers, Thomas P and Scott, Lisa R to Linton, Khafani, 12/6, \$279,000
810 Montauk Ave, Kreckovix, Peter O to Elmer, David P and Rhode, Newport, 12/8, \$349,900
931 Bank St Lot S3-6, Loiacono, Vincent R to Tabernacle Of Praise, 12/7, \$200,000
995 Ocean Ave, Madden Sean P Est and Madden, Stacey I to Vallye, Anna and Ryan, Phillip J, 12/8, \$86,000

NEWINGTON

44 Surrey Dr Lot A2, Werstone, Lorraine to TNX Investment LLC, 12/1, \$115,000
137 Barn Hill Ln, Sumoski, Mark and Sumoski, Nancy to Singh, Sukhwinder and Kaur, Bajinder, 12/1, \$570,000
691 Chalfont Rd Lot 691, Presto, Ricki L to Ciccone, Linda, 12/2, \$175,000

NEWTOWN

20 Juniper Rd, Friedlaender, William R and Reverse Mtg Solution Inc to Reverse Mtg Funding LLC, 12/6, \$280,223
25 Dock Dr, Northrop, Mary B and US Bank NA to US Bank NA Tr, 12/6, \$138,820
31 Pocono Rd, Kulha, Edward to Burger, Jessica and Burger, Jason, 12/6, \$400,000
67 Birch Hill Rd, Berry, Virginia R and Reverse Mtg Funding LLC to Reverse Mtg Funding LLC, 12/6, \$443,946
88 Walnut Tree Hill Rd, Bassett, Darryl M and Bassett, Rachael A to Bouton, Andrew L, 12/6, \$486,000

NORFOLK

17 River Pl, Hoyer, Jennifer and Bahadir, Kerim to Falk, Madeline M and Riedeman, Jon D, 12/10, \$20,000

NORTH HAVEN

7 Stone Hedge Dr, Rizzo, Kathleen K to Merola Jr, Neil A, 12/6, \$355,150
19 Butler Rd, Colagiovanni, Silvio and Colagiovanni, Cynthia to Wrightington, Timothy M and Cappiello, Kristen M, 12/6, \$324,900
76 Frost Dr, Peter Vorio LT and Vorio, Peter to Halsey, George and Halsey, Cynthia, 12/10, \$280,000
125 Homewood Ave, Lachi, Kunjang and Choedak, Dawa to Gonzalez, Keila, 12/10, \$330,000
135 Quinnipiac Ave, Krosky, Patricia to Helen M Kaczynsky IRT and Kaczynski, James R, 12/6, \$45,882

NORTH STONINGTON

Anna Farm Rd, Elaine M Boissevain T and Boissevain, Elaine M to Bois, Marcus A and Bois, Margaret A, 12/6, \$430,000
11-B Johnson Rd, Rinaudo, George and Rinaudo, Virginia S to Bartha, Kyle P and Bartha, Alexandra L, 12/6, \$385,000
18 Cedar Dr, Benson, Dianne M and Henson, Diann M to Reynolds, Robert E, 12/10, \$240,000
293 Reutemann Rd, Melinosky, Robert T and Melinosky, Michelle R to Brennan, Kelly and Tennant, Marissa, 12/9, \$1,000,000
382 Cossaduck Hill Rd, Lauterio, Helen M to Bailey, Brittney and Bailey, Tate, 12/8, \$465,000

NORWALK

Hanford Pl, Crisotomo, Carlos and Crisotomo, Maria to 9 Hanford Place LLC, 12/8, \$750,000
Rowayton Ave, Polk, Angela M and Polk, Kurt A to Lindahl, Paul and Lindahl, Jaime, 12/10, \$5,550,000
4 Rebel Ln, Singh, Jasbir and Kaur, Baljeet to Ospina, Luis and Rodriguez, Javier, 12/7, \$589,000
5 Bucciarelli Ln, Gulappa, Shalini and Gulappa, Premkumar to Albeos, Catherine and Albeos, Ekeuzar, 12/6, \$520,000
8 Oakwood Ave Lot B6, Zhao, Wing Y to Salvati 3rd, Pasquale F, 12/7, \$296,000
8 Parkview Rd, Porges, Geoffrey C and Stevens, Jennifer A to Brame, William, 12/9, \$3,631,875
8 Riverview Dr, Davie, Robert L and Davie, Donna M to Patterson, Joshua and Povoli, Christina D, 12/7, \$835,000
10 Skyview Ln, Mingo, Tyler and Dispirito, Taylor to Emanuel, Ashlee, 12/7, \$625,000
10 Spring Hill Ave, Torcasio, Francesco and Torcasio, Murielle to Irias, Jose A and Irias, Evelyn X, 12/6, \$600,000
11 Hanford Pl, Bove, John J and Jenkins, Rosa L to 11 Hanford Place LLC, 12/8, \$750,000

12 Willard Rd Lot 2, Liu, Joyce to Crimi, Michael J, 12/9, \$219,500
13 Elizabeth St, Rosa, Paula and Pappolla, Jacob to Liu, Xiu Z, 12/9, \$376,000
14 Appletree Ln, Bacher, Stephen to Seaman Petrucci Bldrs LLC, 12/10, \$245,000
14 Nelson Ave, Ruiz 2nd, Edward to Davis, Shirelle and Davis, Otis, 12/8, \$565,000
15 Priscilla Rd, Altered Properties LLC to Baron, Zachary and Dennis, Angelika, 12/9, \$710,000
16 Cove Ave Lot 1C, Pak Holdings LLC to Coataling, Connor and Cotaling, Katy, 12/7, \$230,500
17 Knapp St, Charnevill, Rose to Reyes, Elias S, 12/6, \$810,000
19 Avenue D, Mason, James A and Mason, Melissa A to Mora, Jose and Polonia, Yasmin, 12/7, \$490,000
20 Iuhasz Rd, Ivanov, Georgy and Ivanov, Tatiana to Vidermar, Alexander and Hladikova, Lenka, 12/8, \$696,628
21 Point Rd, Helvetica Cap Funding 2 to Nestor, Peggy, 12/7, \$3,495,000
24 Pequot Dr, Gracey, Joseph and Gracey, Karen to Zysman, Michael and Zysman, Olivia, 12/6, \$999,000
26 Lufberry Ln, Ragsdale, Christopher to Hunter, Sheina and McAuley, Cephus, 12/9, \$480,000
28 Midrocks Dr, Ullman, Edward and Ullman, Mildred to Heano, Edward, 12/6, \$503,500
32 Baxter Dr, 10 Cossitt LLC to Rutherford, Gregory R, 12/6, \$539,000
33 France St, France St Const LLC to Gonzalez, Miguel and Gonzalez, Alejandra, 12/8, \$949,000
40 Baxter Dr, Miranda, Luz D to Hill, Rebecca and Campos, Rudolf, 12/9, \$419,000
45 Lovatt St, Vota M Barbara Est and Quigley, Robert to Guartazaca, Lourdes, 12/10, \$339,000
50 Aiken St Lot 392, Montana Properties LLC to Nikolas, Michael, 12/10, \$302,000
50 Aiken St Lot 331, Santo, Jennifer M to Knebel, Nicole, 12/7, \$260,000
51 Fairfield Ave, Tomas, Emily and Tomas, Carmelo to 51 Fairfield Ave LLC, 12/6, \$799,000
76 New Canaan Ave Lot 5, Hunter, Kimberly K to Bono, Nicolette and Carrasquillo, Stephanie, 12/7, \$380,000
94 Washington St Lot 19, Corbett, Robert and Corbett, Victoria to Harmantzis, Fotis and Kaltsas, Anna, 12/10, \$190,000
109 Foxboro Dr Lot 109, Romanella Jr, James J and Cardone, Pasquale J to Wosahla, Joanne, 12/7, \$475,000
136 Newtown Ave Lot 19, Mintz, Logan A and Thompson, Claire E to Mashia, Kevin, 12/8, \$385,000
128 Flax Hill Rd Lot A202, Mcdermott, Robert and Mcdermott, Jessica L to Reyes, Carmen, 12/6, \$298,845
227 Scribner Ave, Mariano, Sue A and Marino, Michael to Santella, Lori, 12/10, \$450,000
230 New Canaan Ave Lot 7, Celaya, Virginia K to Trovato, Louis and Trovato, Nancy, 12/10, \$619,000
267 W Cedar St Lot 3E, Jia, Zengchuan to Carmen Velasquez IRT and Cooper, Milagros V, 12/10, \$305,000

NORWICH

N/A, Chasey Lane LLC to Matson Jr, John O and Log, Nancy I, 12/7, \$150,000
15 Fairground Cir, CDR T and Richard, Dinah to Estrella, Lee M and Estrella, Angelique J, 12/6, \$260,000
19 Thermos Ave Lot 2, Lucas, Karen A to Ortiz-Torres, Fabiola and Torres, Fausto, 12/6, \$269,900
29 Coit St, Reardon, Susan M to Auguste, Jean C and Daniel, Auline, 12/7, \$265,000
41 Palmer St Lot 12, Knight, Justin D to Millette, Heidi, 12/7, \$156,350
46 Old Canterbury Tpke, Coastal Vent Ent Inc to Holmes, Brian, 12/6, \$286,000
68 Thermos Ave Lot 226B, White, Timothy L to White, Mary E, 12/7, \$118,000
72 Pine St, C&Z Properties LLC to Grieco, Kristen L and Martone, Robert, 12/6, \$197,500

OLD SAYBROOK

Bokum Rd, GST Exempt FT and Concord T Co LLC Tr to Magruder, Scott W, 12/10, \$765,000
Lakewood Cir, GST Exempt FT and Concord T Co LLC Tr to Magruder, Scott W, 12/10, \$765,000
5 Lakewood Cir, GST Exempt FT and Concord T Co LLC Tr to Magruder, Scott W, 12/10, \$765,000
6 Lakewood Cir, GST Exempt FT and Concord T Co LLC Tr to Magruder, Scott W, 12/10, \$765,000
7 Fenwood Grove Rd, Goldreich Louise S Est and Goldreich, Mark S to Simonis, Deborah, 12/6, \$565,000
8 Lakewood Cir, GST Exempt FT and Concord T Co LLC Tr to Magruder, Scott W, 12/10, \$765,000
37 Connolly Dr, GST Exempt FT and Concord T Co LLC Tr to Magruder, Scott W, 12/10, \$765,000
465 Cove Rd, Ernest P Bauer RET and Urbowicz, Nastassja to Mcteaigue, Liam and Mcteaigue, Janet, 12/6, \$550,000
175 Ferry Rd Lot 14, Moyer, Shirley M to Holmberg, Lyle and Holmberg, Rita A, 12/7, \$515,000

ORANGE

819 Bayberry Ln, Hholland, Daniel J to Palmieri, Mark and Palmieri, Bonnie, 12/6, \$460,000

PLAINFIELD

33 Salmon Dr, Everson, Graeme J to Smith, Jeffrey A and Smith, Kimberly M, 12/6, \$235,000
127 Sterling Hill Rd, Pachaug Capital LLC to Paul, Andrew J, 12/6, \$350,000

PLYMOUTH

36 Burnham St, Obizzo, Deborah to Carchi-Chabla, Walter G, 12/6, \$280,000
68 Curtiss Rd, Lyga, Patricia L to Dwyer, Albert and Dwyer, Lowell A, 12/9, \$244,000
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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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130 Dolphin Cove Quay, 130 Dolphin Cv Quay NT to Pelli, Geri E, 12/10, \$2,690,000
130 Knox Rd, Mcarthur, George to Piqueira, Christopher P and Piqueira, Kathleen H, 12/8, \$681,000
140 Summer St Lot 3C, Jurcik, John to Coyne, Matthew J, 12/8, \$230,000
143 Columbus Pl Lot 3, David Mtri Hldg 6 LLC to Fraioli, Donato J, 12/8, \$165,000
154 Rolling Wood Dr, Lopez, Juan and Lee, Linnet to Stevens Jr, Michael and Arnow, Pamela, 12/9, \$1,650,000
168 Cascade Rd, Asha Kuthyar RET and Kuthyar, Asha to Doche, Nicolas and Pietri, Joana, 12/9, \$1,402,168
171 Woodchuck Rd, Stevens, Thomas and Cecchin, Maria D to Wilson, Tyler and Lafauci, Virginia, 12/10, \$741,500
172 Mill Brook Rd, Behrend, Stephne to Behrend, Neal and Behrend, Natalya, 12/7, \$1,400,000
177 Old Mill Ln, Gardner, Luke G and Gardner, Francine C to Brush, Peter W and Brush, Patricia, 12/7, \$1,741,000
178 Hunting Ridge Rd, Salli, Tommi T to Hutless, David and Gustin, Kimberly, 12/6, \$1,549,000
180 Hunting Ridge Rd, Dai, Diana and Yin, Raymond to Goldstein, Ira and Goldstein, Gerianne, 12/9, \$1,899,000
190 Butternut Ln, Stecks, Albert to Lindner, Scott and Linder, Heather, 12/6, \$1,125,000
200 Wardwell St, Keler, Marsha to Stuart, Johnathan A, 12/6, \$425,000
240 Greenwich Ave, Alvarado, Odír and Alvarado, Ana M to Patino, Mabel G, 12/8, \$560,000
245 Butternut Ln, Lebedev, Vladimir B and Eliseenkova, Anna V to Lipinski, Nicholas, 12/9, \$750,000
307 Weed Ave, Totino, Alex and Totino, Kathy to Iysenko, Andrey, 12/8, \$745,000
824 Pacific St, Smegal, Stephen J to C&P Professional Svcs LLC, 12/10, \$275,000
824 Pacific St, Gruel Patricia F Est and Gruel, Charles M to C&P Professional Svcs LLC, 12/10, \$275,000
825 Hope St Lot 4, Daniels, Jean A to Ngassa, Paul, 12/6, \$348,000
1142 Hope St, Sanchez, Julio and Sanchez, Margarita to Tome, Mara N, 12/9, \$500,000

STONINGTON

Church St, 4 Bears LLC to 17 Broadway Avenue LLC, 12/6, \$860,000
12 Whitehall Lndg Lot 12, Brennan, Kelly A to V Sugerman Weintraub RET and Suger-man Weintraub, B, 12/3, \$540,000
17 Broadway Ave, 4 Bears LLC to 17 Broad-way Avenue LLC, 12/6, \$860,000
49 Deer Ridge Rd, Holt, Ashley to Hoffman, Nicholas, 12/6, \$325,000
56 Palmer St (Pawcatuck), Pupillo, Mark and Pupillo, Lucie C to Plesz, Michael and Plesz, Catherine K, 12/6, \$250,000
106 Water St, Carr, Wendy to Metcalf, Benjamin M, 12/6, \$1,005,000

STRATFORD

10 Harbour View Pl Lot 10, Santana, Teofilo E to Bowley, Deborah E, 12/7, \$480,000
10 Wilbar Dr, Gabor Charles J Sr Est and Gabor, James to Monroig, Uriel A and Ramirez, Raquel J, 12/6, \$375,000
15 Speer Dr, Toth Frank I Est and Monelli, Anthony E to Colitto, Nicholas A, 12/8, \$220,000
20 Putney Chapel Way, Newbauer Jr, William E and Newbauer, Tere L to Johnson, Melissa S and Johnson Jr, Howard, 12/6, \$880,000
34 Wood Ave, Ramos, Eliana and Vargas, Gabriel N to Mensah, Kwame A, 12/7, \$380,000
35 Martha St, Verrillo Frances A Est and Verrillo, Virginia to Rencos, Gervin E and Castillo, Wendy, 12/7, \$386,500
53 Chanbrook Rd, Alessie, Michael to Castriello, Maria and Salazar, Jose S, 12/8, \$471,000
54 Breakers Ln, Suzanne Davis RET and Davis, Suzanne to Demaria, Richard E, 12/7, \$21,500
70 Linksview Pl, Leopardi, Catherine to JK Homes LLC, 12/6, \$322,500
127 Canaan Ct V82, Figueroa, Jose to Cato, Shaina and Vasquez, Carlos, 12/6, \$29,000
138 Larkin Ct, Hargrove, James to Williams, Fiona, 12/7, \$178,000
150 Kasper Cir, Bunquin, Barulito H and Caliboso-Bunquin, Myrna to Paredes, Julio C and Abermejo-Paredes, Luis, 12/8, \$255,000
181 Stonybrook Rd, Ochoa, Tanny B to Rosier, Suzene, 12/8, \$260,000
224-A Oronoque Village Condo Lot 224A, Reynolds, Donna L to King, George and King, Cheryl, 12/8, \$285,000
236 Franklin Ave, Bolack John George Est and Loughlin, Lisa to Augustin, Neslyne B and Augustin, Rollinsay, 12/6, \$285,000
545 Narraganset Ln Lot B, Strickler, Gilbert to Demonte, John and Demonte, Terri, 12/7, \$320,000
620 Silver Ln, Paris, Charles J to Guttman, Jeffrey, 12/8, \$370,000

SUFFIELD

2 Fiddle Head, Mcgowan, Michael and Mcgowan, Marion to Perry, Regina, 12/2, \$655,000
33 Windbrook Dr, Giugliano, Gregory R and Giugliano, Teresa B to Loosemore, Michael P and Loosemore, Hilary A, 12/2, \$1,040,000
271 N Grand St, Merli, Jeffrey J and Merli, Kathryn to Gordievsky, Vladimir and Gordiev-sky, Jennifer, 12/2, \$588,000
1080 Hill St, Rossi, Tyler M and Rossi, Giana

to Paganelli, Beverly and Paganelli, Gary, 12/2, \$385,000

THOMASTON

91 Watertown Rd, Porowski, Andrew to Steele, Michaline J, 12/6, \$167,500
143 Pine Hill Rd Lot 14E, Mauro, Alexandra and Mauro, Sandra to Sabani, Zinije, 12/9, \$122,750
7 Walker Rd, Wyludek, Andrzej to Ilas, Louis, 12/6, \$405,000
11 Breaaults Landing Rd, Carlson Sr, Richard J to Tewksbury, Charles, 12/6, \$240,000
21 Church St, Leclerc Bernadette Est and Leclerc 3rd, Joseph R to Mayorga, Abner E, 12/6, \$56,000
41 Porter Plain Rd, Janeczek Jr, Joseph W to Innamorati 2nd, Gary J, 12/6, \$375,000

TOLLAND

27 Cedar Swamp Rd, Engel, Donna M and Engel, Matthew N to Skinner, Robin E and Skinner, Susan M, 12/7, \$675,000
47 Woodside Dr, Tomlen LLC to Melnik, Alexey V and Melnik, Daria, 12/7, \$392,695
51 Deerwood Rd, Parker, Joshua A and Parker, Taylor M to Adams, Mecca C and Adams, Sean K, 12/6, \$451,700
91 Fieldstone Dr, Nordic Bldrs Of Tolland to Sheridan, Daniel J and Sheridan, Erika M, 12/6, \$582,400
96 Rhodes Rd, Lobisser, Danielle and Lobisser, Jamison to Quinn, Amy and Quinn, Walter, 12/6, \$282,500
139 Metcalf Rd, Labonte, Mary M to Trow-bridge, Kevin M, 12/9, \$281,000
178 Loehr Rd, Herzog, Mildred R to Redding, Jamal, 12/8, \$222,000
268 Hartford Tpke Lot D6, Hite, Michael to Kolakowski, Mary, 12/7, \$102,000
672 Crystal Lake Rd, Henrick, Stephen M to Canterbury, Nicole R and Passoth, Jonathan, 12/6, \$350,000

TORRINGTON

46 Eastlawn Dr, Goodwin, Valeria to Michael, Lawrence P and Michael, Frederick J, 12/7, \$270,000
48 Butternut St, Julia Kaparakis Elm St to Guarnaryario, Steve B, 12/7, \$144,000
56 N Elm St, Mainella, Egidio J to C&P NY Property Group LLC, 12/9, \$168,500
65 Wolcott Ave, Wellnitz, Gregory L and Wellnitz, Deana M to Boutellier, Tabitha M and Gary, Scott R, 12/9, \$195,000
75 Liberty Ln, Pawelek, Henry A and Pawelek, Deborah to Shores, Misty and Virut, Dina, 12/6, \$265,000
154 County Rd, Renzullo, Filemena P and Bell Jr, Winfield R to Miller, Brian, 12/7, \$175,000
178 Daley Dr, Owens, Tammy L to Zima, Mark C and Huilhean, Shannon, 12/6, \$105,000
305 S Main St, Berksure Partners LLC to Pilumaj, Luvij, 12/9, \$629,900
560 Wood Duck Dr, Graboski, Paul T and Graboski, Chrystene A to Finello, Racquel C, 12/8, \$315,000
751 Main St, Webster Bank NA to Mahmood, Arshad and Kousar, Rukhsana, 12/8, \$70,000
2255 Norfolk Rd, Szmalc John B Est and Roy, Robert to Hughes, Heidi A, 12/7, \$155,000

TRUMBULL

16 Sentry HI, Yoguez, Jorge and Yoguez, Jennifer M to Himmel, Keith and Himmel, Alyssa T, 12/6, \$745,000
34 Tashua Rd, Connor Sr, Charles A and Connor, Pastoria to Cao, Li F and Jiang, Yu, 12/6, \$600,000
35 Sherman Ave, Mileo Group LLC to Franco, Paul and Bellantoni, Rachel, 12/8, \$500,000
36 Lounsbury Rd, Finelli Florence A Est and Szymanski, Joyce to Neiva, Junior C and Neiva, Simone N, 12/6, \$365,000
44 Rosemont Rd, Henderson Nancy Est and Nash, Barbara to Wise Buyers LLC, 12/6, \$300,000
52 Maple St, Fontes Maria C Est and Fontes-Alers, Carla to Largier, Damian and Largier, Beverly, 12/9, \$487,000
54 Old Hollow Rd, Bouchaine, Andre E and Bouchaine, Hanadi to Weber, John, 12/7, \$709,900
124 Imperial Ct Lot 124, Murphy, John F and Murphy, Patricia to Nancy L Walkley 2000 RET and Walkley, Nancy L, 12/6, \$587,500
231 Unity Rd, 231 Unity Road LLC to Potter, Evan R and Vastola, Daniella, 12/6, \$754,578
426 Pitkin Holw Lot 426, Walli, Lorraine to Antihl, Alexandru V and Antihl, Valentina C, 12/7, \$295,000
480 Daniels Farm Rd, Carrano, Lisa A to Ursol, Eric and Wong, Augusta, 12/7, \$674,900
2160 Reservoir Ave, Wiszniewska, Maria to Ayala, Juan, 12/8, \$440,000

UNION

Webster Rd, Levesque, Mary A to Saun-ders, William and Saunders, Patricia, 12/9, \$39,900
4 Correia Way, Colburn, Richard to Baha-tyrevich, Pavel and Bahatyrevich,iani, 11/2, \$400,000
6 Cherry St, 6 Cherry St LLC to Altaf, Arsaln, 11/2, \$57,000
9 McLean St, Capitol Solutions LLC to Carrasquillo, Marian, 11/1, \$167,000
9 School Brook Ln, Vesco, Mark to Laholli, Eriol, 11/1, \$301,000
14 Olive Ln, Rice, Violeta and Rice, Ponell to

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14 Olive Ln, Rice, Violeta and Rice, Ponell to

Avalos, Jaime, 11/1, \$230,000
16 Brittany Ln, Nerbonne, Dennis to King, Gregory and King, Michelle, 11/1, \$336,000
16 Tamarack Ln, Zhang, Xuefei and Pei, Xialolin to Sprague, Stephanie, 11/1, \$315,000
16 Vernon Ave Lot 3, Daigle, Kyle to Morri-son, Tiffany, 11/3, \$135,000
16 Vernon Ave Lot 41, 131 Washington St LLC to Mckenzie, Michael, 11/3, \$82,000
20 Wilson Ln, Horvath, Courtney to Godin, Heidi, 11/1, \$187,000
22 Hammond St, Nolan, Elizabeth to Jeffers Jr, Michael and Waters, Brittany, 11/1, \$1,955,000
28 Snipsic St, Tena, Arben to Brown, Jauzan and Davis, Tahara, 11/1, \$310,000
30 Tunnel View Ter, Memon, Mansoor and Khan, Kausar to Dyalynas, Leni and Dyalynas, Athanasios, 11/5, \$350,000
36 South St, Darico Michael Est and Woods, Christopher to May, Steve, 11/1, \$195,000
53 Meadowlark Rd, Hobbs, Francis to Jacobsen, Daniel and Jacobsen, Berny, 11/4, \$190,000
59 Bridlewood Ln Lot 59, Butler, Frederick and Butler, Barbara to Feeney, Katie, 11/1, \$350,000
60 Old Town Rd Lot 3, Lacey, Megan to Revanna, Kashi and Puttabattappa, Muraly, 11/2, \$125,000
60 Old Town Rd Lot 98, Soucie, Gregory to Fish, Donald, 11/4, \$149,000
62 Davis Ave, JLS Realty LLC to Artisan Hold-ings LLC, 12/7, \$340,000
73 Talcott Ave, Cruz, Marisol to Messon, Tomas, 11/4, \$353,000
162 Rainbow Trl, Masilonis, Teresa to Thompson, Juliet, 11/2, \$280,000

WALLINGFORD

Western Sands MHP, Tangredi, John A to Pelliccio, Frank D, 12/9, \$75,000
N/A, Yupp, Norma M and Yupp, Joseph G to Skullarek, Carolann and Skudlarek Jr, Edward, 12/7, \$340,000
7-11 Wilcox Ln, WRPR LLC to 711 Wilcox LLC, 12/10, \$1,150,000
32 Nicholas Rd, Lobner, Daniel to Burns, William and Pinto, Jaclyn, 12/8, \$300,000
33 Sunrise Cir, Kowalski, Sarah to Lahnin, Bouchra, 12/10, \$436,000
59 Washington St, Brooks, Scott D to Gray-beth 59 LLC, 12/10, \$250,000
72 Tremper Dr, Rybacki RET and Rybacki, David J to Paoella Sr, Joseph and Paoella, Linda, 12/8, \$270,000
80 Maplewood Ave, Botta, Mark A to Britt, Joshua P and Britt, Marisol, 12/10, \$320,000
241-303 Lorings Mobile Home Lot 36, Dietle J Ernieh Est to Pedersen, Patricia, 12/10, \$120,000
397 Hope Hill Rd, Grobert Donald A Est and Cervoni, Vncient to Inizitari, Carmen J, 12/8, \$265,000
418 4th Ridge Rd, Karrmann, Ronald F and Karrmann, Donna M to Denardis, Chris-topher and Denardis, Raymond, 12/7, \$320,000

WARREN

Brick School Rd, Hill, May B to Holdren, Christopher J and Rogers, Timothy C, 12/9, \$750,000

WASHINGTON

Old Litchfield Rd, Dalton, Matthew R to 105-109 Old Litchfield Rd, 12/8, \$610,000
6 Wheaton Rd, Schiesel, Dylan P and Schie-sel, Candice L to Cangello, Ryan J, 12/6, \$510,000
10-A Sunny Ridge Rd, 10 Sunny Ridge Assoc LLC to Brighenti, Stephen R, 12/7, \$270,000
35 S Fenn Hill Rd, Gorsche, Todd T and Gorsche, Lauren C to Ivey, Skylar and Ivey, Christopher, 12/8, \$2,400,000

WATERBURY

Chipman St Lot U9, Second Chance Homes LLC to Clsuario LLC, 12/9, \$64,500
13 Green St, Dipreta Properties LLC to Sunshine RE Holdings LLC, 12/6, \$299,000
14 Tamarack Ct, Toll CT LP to Zembrzowski, Theresa A, 12/6, \$191,125
21 Prattfield Rd, Dichiera, Victoria A to Delacruz, Evil A and Martinez, Catherine M, 12/7, \$275,000
30 W Main St, HFA LP to R&R Care Realty LLC, 12/9, \$4,640,000
36 French St, Chimarc Oma LLC to 36 French St LLC, 12/6, \$90,000
42 Townsend Ave, Garciamedina, Bryan J to Isley, Nikea, 12/6, \$210,000
43 Central Ave, Central Omega LLC to Wise Buyers LLC, 12/10, \$500,000
55 Houston St, Riback, Gary D and Kaye, Lisa A to Velez, Alex, 12/8, \$160,000
48 Wyoming Ave, Demelo, Pedro to Bises-sar, Lioutie, 12/8, \$185,000
51 Birch Pl, Johnson&Williams Rity LLC to Blanchard, Jessica, 12/7, \$269,900
51 Chapin Ave, Cirillo, Milena to Ellis, Sereta, 12/7, \$280,000
54 Val St, Ati Realty LLC to Cobbs, Regan, 12/7, \$160,000
74 Bronx Ave, Rucci, Annunziata to Fuller, Sandra, 12/6, \$220,000
84 Linwood St, Mendez, Ramiro A to Francis, Raymond, 12/9, \$175,000
90 Old Colony Dr, Calvo, Christina to Spence, Thrishana and Spence, Dion, 12/10, \$290,000
100 Joseph St, Vitale, Christopher to Hernandez, Jose and Hernandez, Carmen J, 12/10, \$190,000
102 Hill St, Milicia, Anthony and Porretto, Salvatore to Ramlochen, Rebekah and Fakhoury, Charles, 12/6, \$250,000
108 Middlesex St, FHLM to Boss Realty

Assoc LLC, 12/10, \$124,000
121 Beth Ln, US Bank NA to B&M Const Design Inc, 12/8, \$167,000
130 Midland Rd, Rodriguezmelo, Marcelino to Morgan, Rowena, 12/9, \$225,000
130 Westmont Dr, RDJ Realty LLC to Steven-son-Chung, Hope I and Chung, Sophia L, 12/10, \$349,900
150 Fanning St, Velez, Aurea N and Cara-ballo-Velez, Jasmin to Caraballovelez, Edgar J, 12/6, \$103,000
152 Hewey St, Salazar, Thomas and Salazar, Yolima to Diaz, Luis, 12/10, \$165,000
171 Yale St, Deoliveira, Ricardo A to Garcia, Luz, 12/9, \$195,000
206 Mont Vena Ave, Alvarez, Henry and Alvarez, Elena to Rosario, Kenny and Rosa-rio, Jose, 12/7, \$290,000
228 Oakville Ave Lot H, Starsiak, Kenneth J and Starsiak, Lauren A to Morgan, Chappi-sha, 12/6, \$100,000
380 Hitchcock Rd Lot 196, Lapman, William J and Lapman, Kim I to Krivensky, Haley and Lautenschlager, Joshua, 12/6, \$162,500
399 Oronoke Rd, Mellillo, Donald R to Rios Jr, Oscar O and Rios, Christina, 12/9, \$280,000
519 Scott Rd Lot 59, Alves, Jose and Alves, Manuela to 519 Scott Road LLC, 12/8, \$110,000
585 Park Rd Lot 102, Bilga, James and Eggers, Lindsey to LNSA 585 Park Rd 10-2 LLC, 12/6, \$112,125
651 Country Club Rd, Munoz, Andy and Gayed, Marina to Caballero, George, 12/8, \$305,527
656 Tree Hill Rd Lot 1, Marquis, Joanne M to Cicchetti, Charles T, 12/9, \$231,000
1710 Baldwin St, Mountview Plaza Assoc LLC to Jagdeo, Sandra, 12/6, \$217,500
3211 E Main St Lot 11, Silverstein Holdings LLC to Y&K LLC, 12/7, \$75,000

WATERFORD

Butlertown Rd, Wasniewski, Nancy J to Aiello, Robert J and Aiello, Glenise S, 12/6, \$113,000
N/A, Dubob LLC to Chapman Jr, Donald L, 12/6, \$235,000
3 Northwood Rd, Janis L Solomon LT and Solomon, Janis L to Sax, Miles S and Amoroso, Briana, 12/3, \$499,000
9-R Center Rd, Holmes, Paul and Holmes, Melissa to Melton, Taylor L, 12/9, \$640,000
14 Miss Vans Ct, Macdougall K T Est and Macdougall, James to Churchill, Teri and Churchill Jr, Randolph, 12/7, \$280,000
22 Pilgrim Rd, Slatton, Jewell F to Vandervener, Liesel K, 12/7, \$300,000
26 E Neck Rd, Wilkinson, Robin V and Wilkinson, Robert O to Oshaughnessy, Patrick, 12/6, \$305,000
29 Lower Bartlett Rd, Vermeer, Kyle M and Vermeer, Alexandra to Sullivan, Kyle and Sullivan, Josephina, 12/9, \$439,900
37 Goshen Rd, Joyce Meehan LT and Meehan, Joyce to Spinnatto, Dante, 12/3, \$359,000
41 Devonshire Rd, Parise, Joseph A and Parise, Debbie M to Mirlas Sr, Angel L, 12/3, \$325,000
54 Rope Ferry Rd Lot C47, Diane H White RET and White, Diane H to Nevrodits, Ange-liki and Carayannis, Evelyn, 12/2, \$207,000
73 North Rd, Dubail, Robert F to Kutrolli, Garip, 12/6, \$111,000
331 Boston Post Rd, Nelson Jr, Robert C to Cao, Weiiang, 12/8, \$288,000
734 Broad St, Bank New York Mellon Tr to TMC Keywest LLC, 12/1, \$98,000

WATERTOWN

3 Curtiss Ln, Vasilikos, Danielle and Vasi-lakos, Jason A to Defranzo, Jeffrey, 12/6, \$174,900
13 Meadow Ln, Amaral, Dana M and Amaral, Paul to Genest, Sharene and Genest, Wayne, 12/8, \$377,000
67 Edgewood Rd, Quadratro, Margaret E to Lagana, Christopher E, 12/10, \$250,500
137 Scott Ave, Ouellette, Linda H to Esposito, Mark J and Williams, Sarah E, 12/6, \$245,000
426 Pleasant View Gdns, Mema, Besmira and Mema, Ermal to Burns, Linda A, 12/7, \$215,000
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West Hartford

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

23 Seldan Street
West Hartford, CT 06110

To: Maria A. Ferreira 23 Seldan Street West Hartford, CT 06110
Maria A. Ferreira 19 Court Park West Hartford, CT 06119
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W. Washington, DC 20410
WHEREAS, on December 22, 2009, a certain Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Mortgage was executed by Maria A. Ferreira as mortgagor in favor of Bank of America, N.A., as mortgagee, and was recorded in the Town of West Hartford on December 28, 2009, in Book 4454, Page 473 (the Mortgage); and
WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and
WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment recorded in the Town of West Hartford on August 15, 2018, Book 5122, Page 1007; previous assignments include Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage, d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated September 17, 2012 recorded on September 24, 2012 in Book 4706, Page 549; Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated September 17, 2012 recorded on November 3, 2014 in Book 4884, Page 81; Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated October 5, 2016 recorded on October 25, 2016 in Book 5022, Page 15; Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company to Bank of America, N.A. dated March 21, 2017 recorded on June 30, 2017 in Book 5066, Page 446; Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated July 28, 2017 recorded on August 9, 2017 in Book 5075, Page 77; Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company to Bank of America, N.A. dated July 28, 2017 recorded on August 9, 2017 in Book 5075, Page 79; Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated August 1, 2017 recorded on August 9, 2017 in Book 5075, Page 81; and
WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the premises described in the Mortgage are no longer occupied by the mortgagors and the balance due on September 23, 2021 was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and has not been restored to currency; and
WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of September 23, 2021 is \$281,283.90; and
WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded in the West Hartford Land Records on October 21, 2021, in Book 5242, Page 1156, notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 1:00 PM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:
The land in West Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, described as follows:
Two certain pieces or parcels of land situated in the Town of West Hartford, County of Hartford and State of Connecticut on the southerly side of Seldan Street, known as 23 Seldan Street, being Lots Nos. 43 and 44 on a certain map or plan entitled "Winthrop Manor West Hartford, Conn. Property of D. F. Ahern, Jordan and Select, Managers, 25 Asylum St., Hartford, Conn. Scale 1" = 50' March 1913, A.B. Alderson C.E. 49 Pearl St., Hartford, Conn.," which map or plan is on file in Book of Maps, Volume 1, Page 10 in the Town Clerk's Office of said Town of West Hartford, to which reference may be had.
Said Lots Nos. 43 and 44, taken together, are more particularly bounded and described as follows:
Northerly by Seldan Street, as shown on said Map, one hundred (100) feet;
Easterly by land now or formerly of Camelo Bozzano et al, Lot No. 42, as shown on said map, one hundred (100.00) feet;
Southerly by land now or formerly of Leo J. Grenier et al., and of Alexander J. Zyambi et al, respectively, Lots No. 33 and 34, as shown on said map, partly by each in all of one hundred (100.00) feet; and
Westerly by land now or formerly of John J. Szczepanik et al, Lot No. 45, as shown on said map, one hundred (100.00) feet.
Commonly known as: 23 Seldan Street, West Hartford, CT 06110.
The sale will be held at the property located at 23 Seldan Street, West Hartford, CT 06110. The Secretary reserves the right to adjourn the time and place of the sale by announcement made to those present.
Other Interested Parties:
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by virtue of home equity conversion second mortgage recorded in the Town of West Hartford on December 28, 2009 in Book 4454 Page 484.
The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$218,710.06.
There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.
When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$21,871.00 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$21,871.00 must be presented before bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.
The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.
If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the Foreclosure Commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.
The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement, together with any such other amounts as may be owed as set forth below, are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.
The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale shall include all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.
Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.
Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the sale.
Date: 12/20/2021, Foreclosure Commissioner, John P. Fahey, #305404, 5 Shaw's Cove, Suite 201, New London, CT 06320. Phone: 860-969-0400 Fax: 860-756-8589 File ID#21-03899
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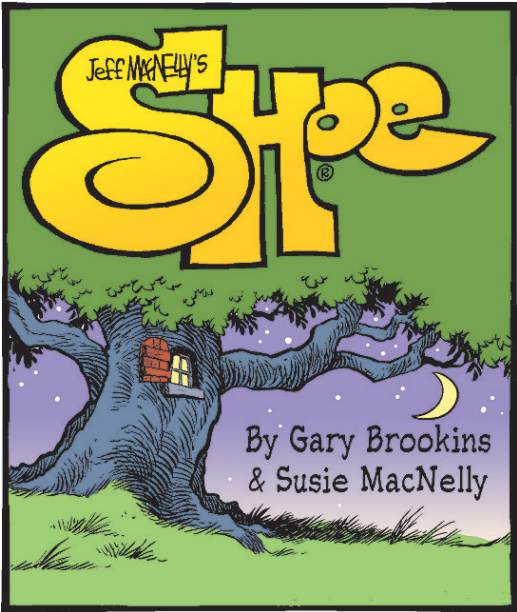
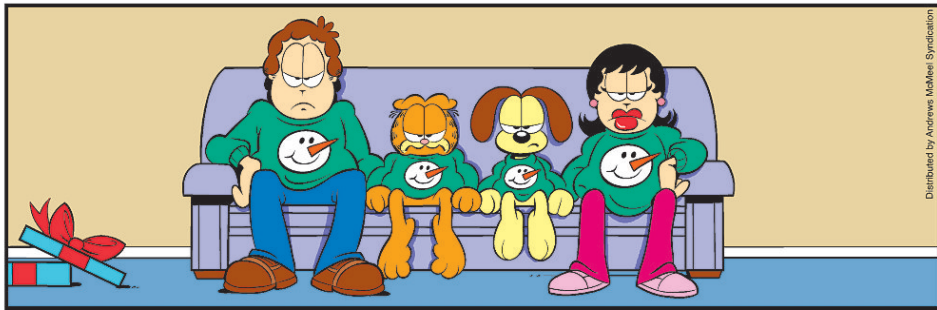
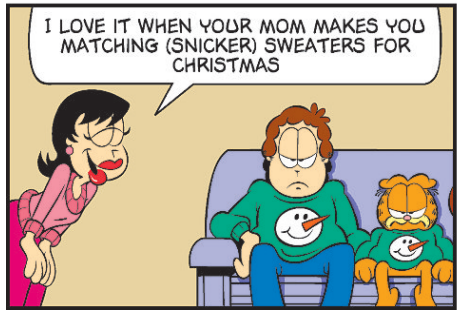
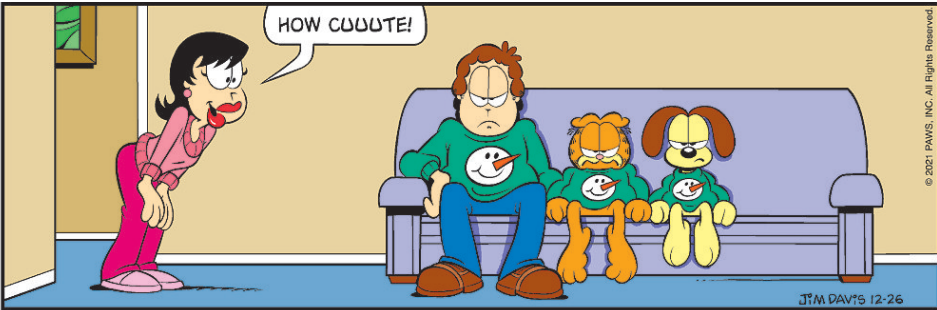
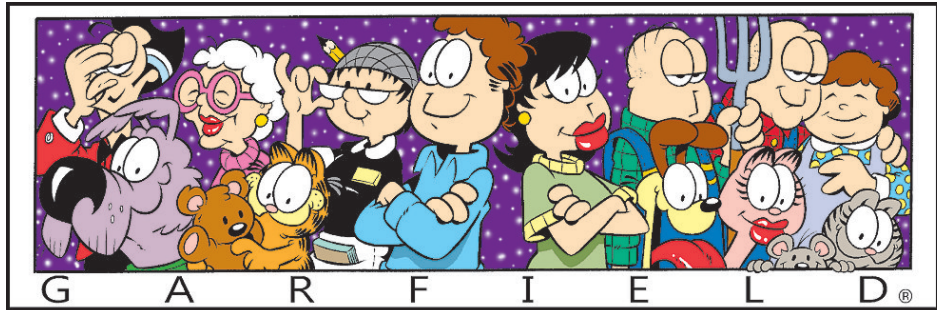
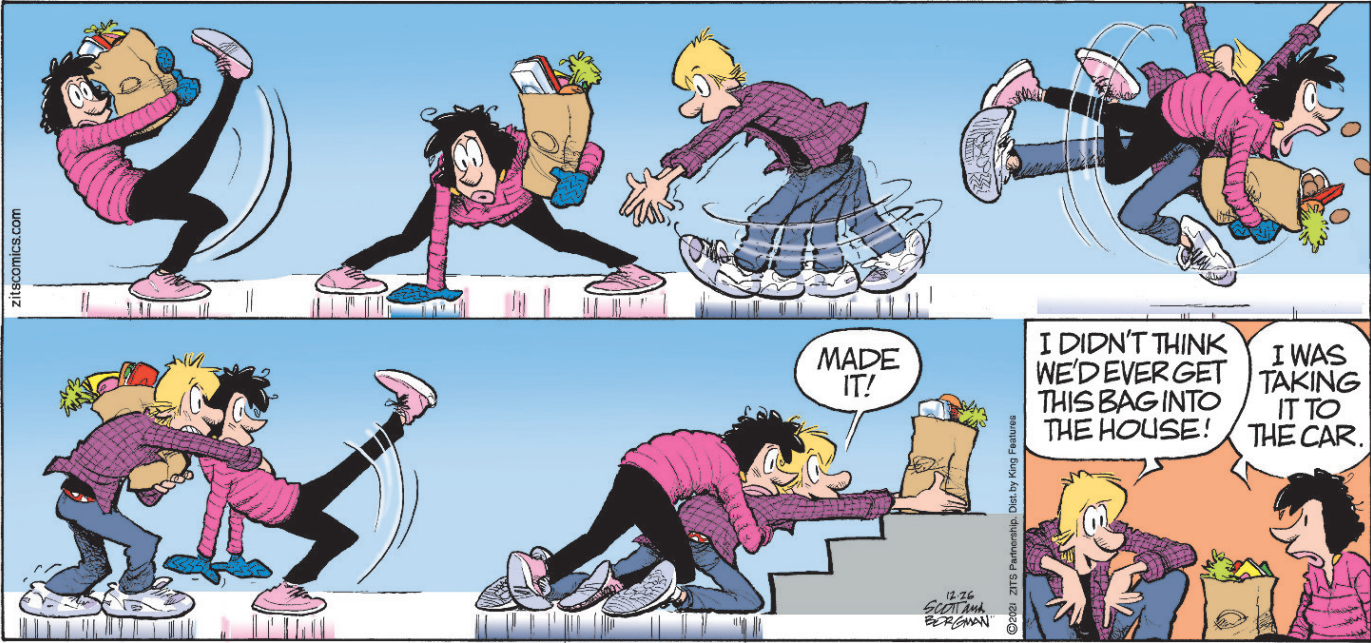
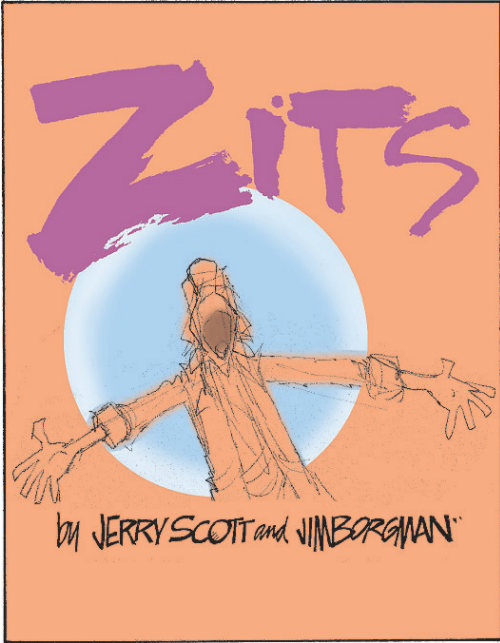
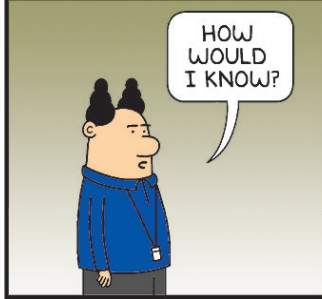
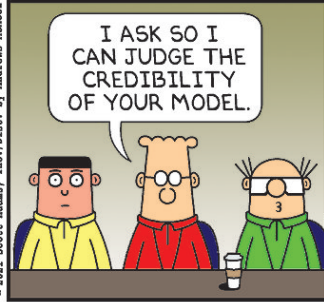
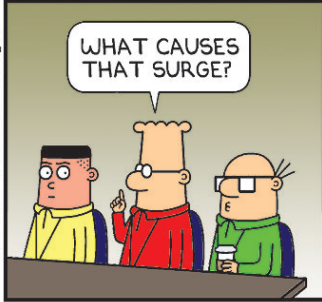
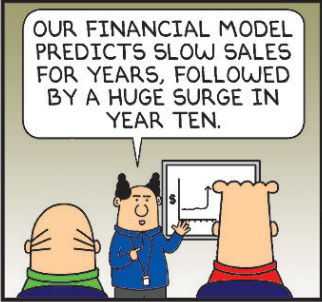
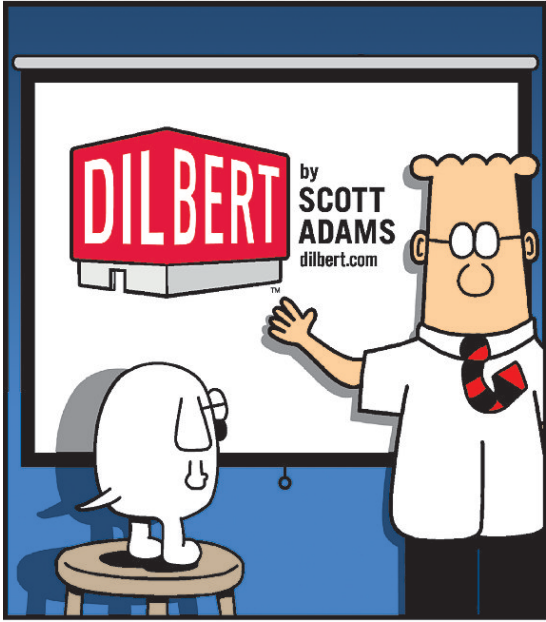
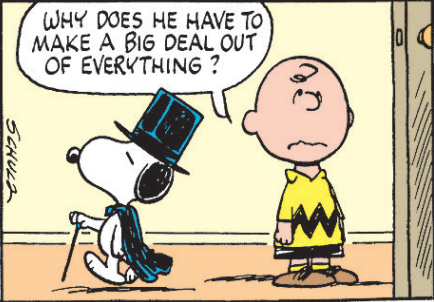
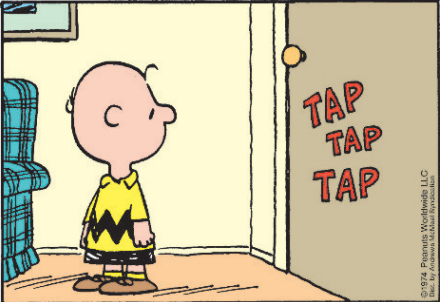
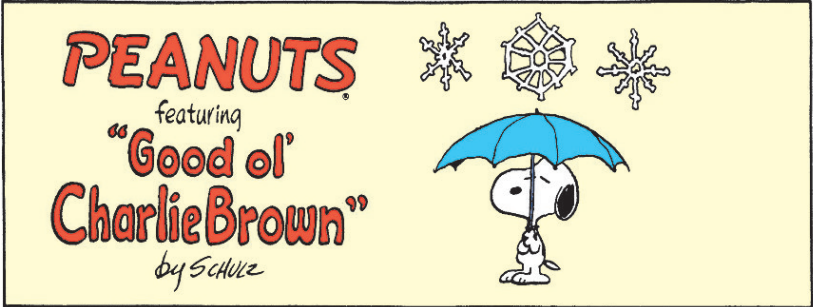
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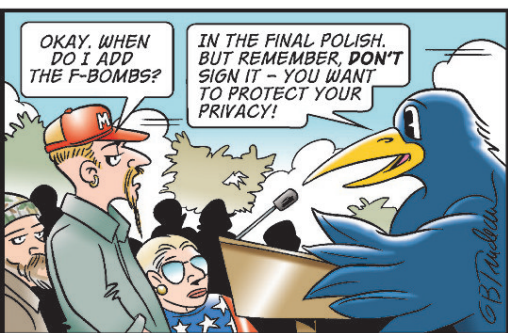
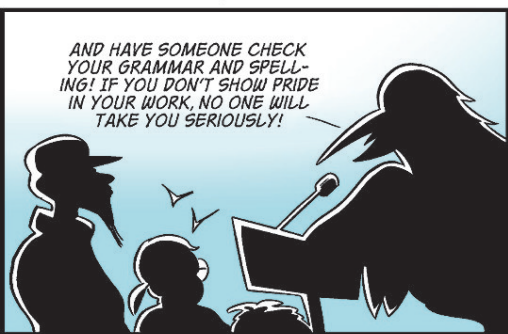
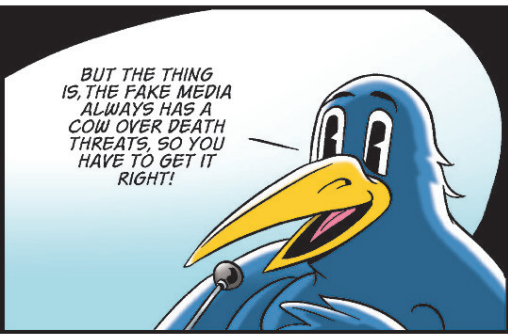
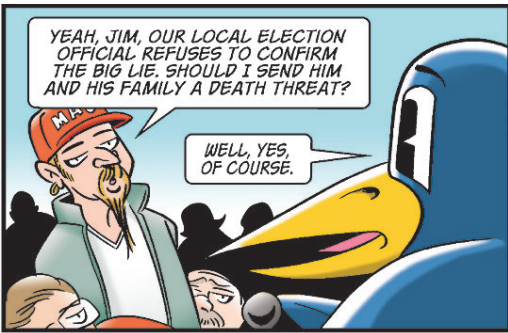
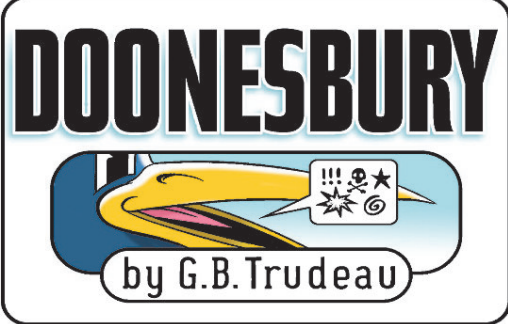
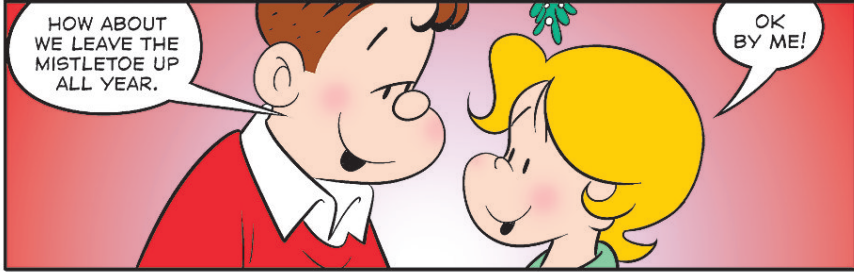
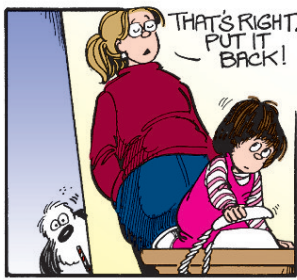
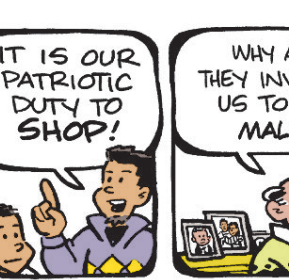
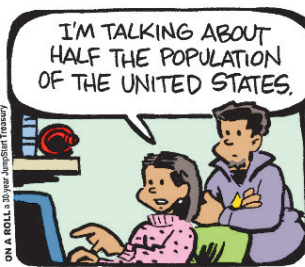
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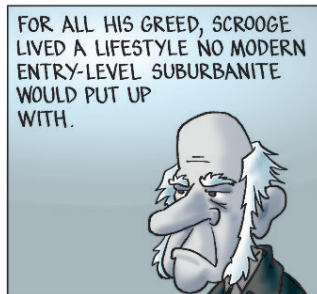
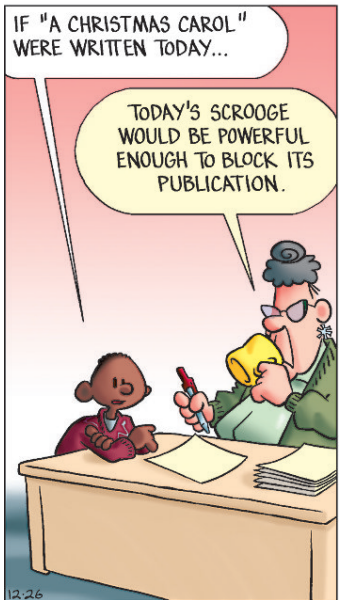
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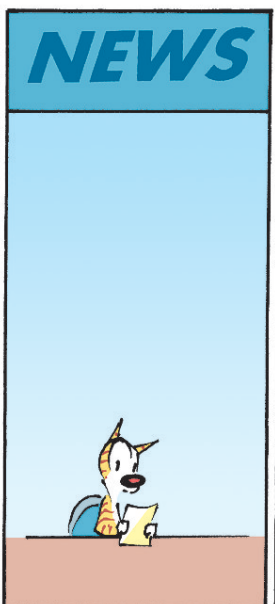
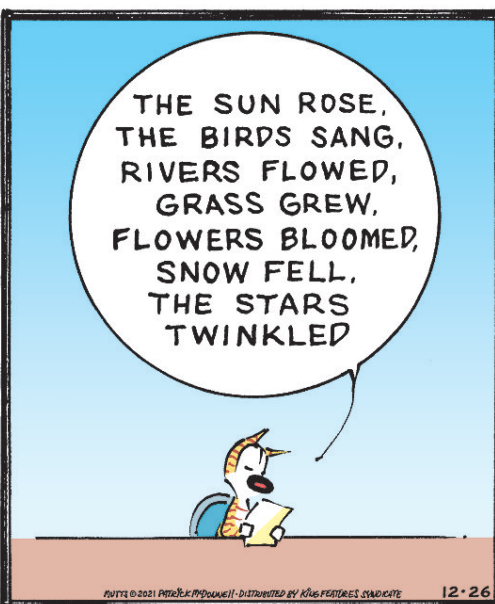
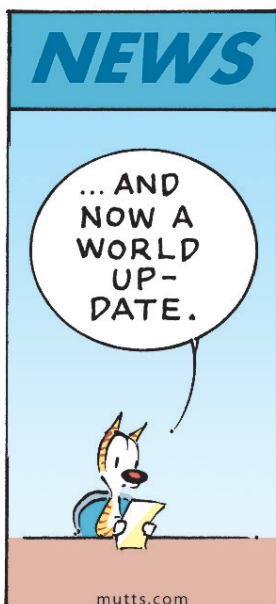




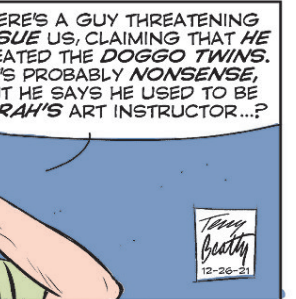
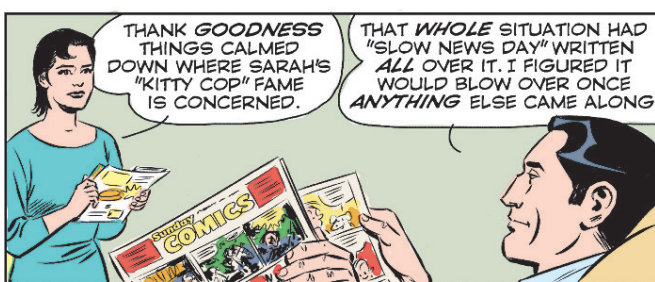
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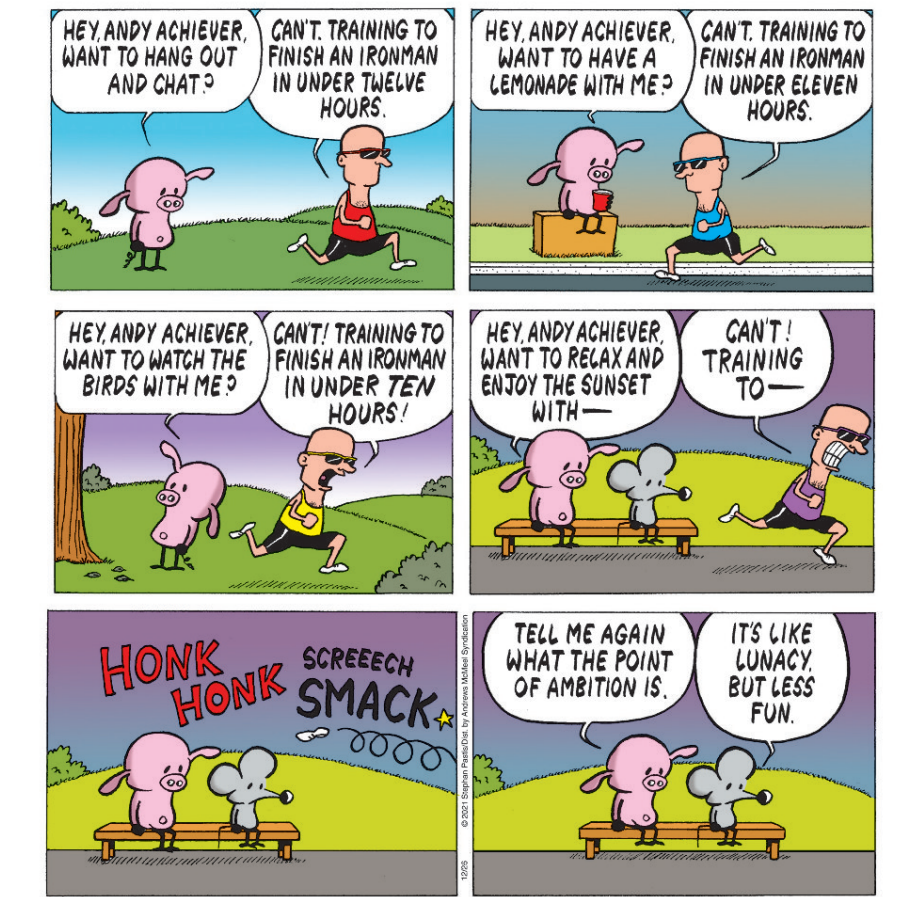
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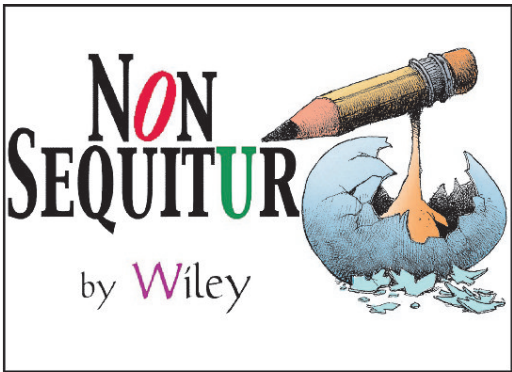
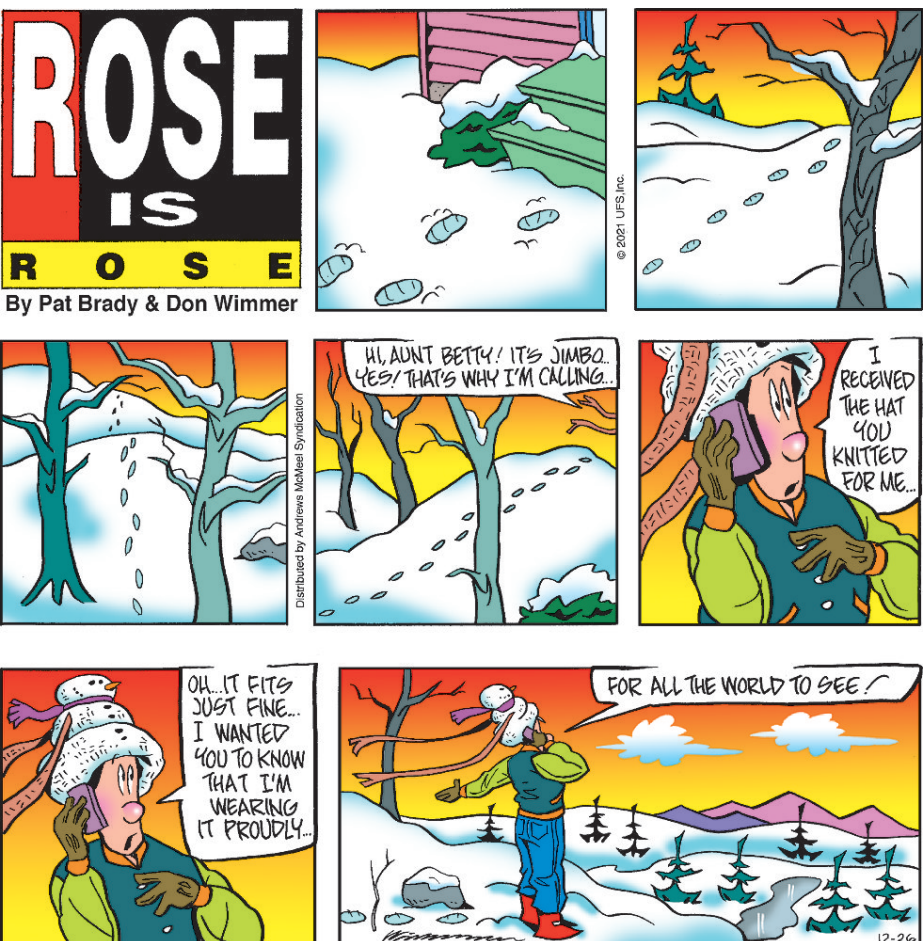
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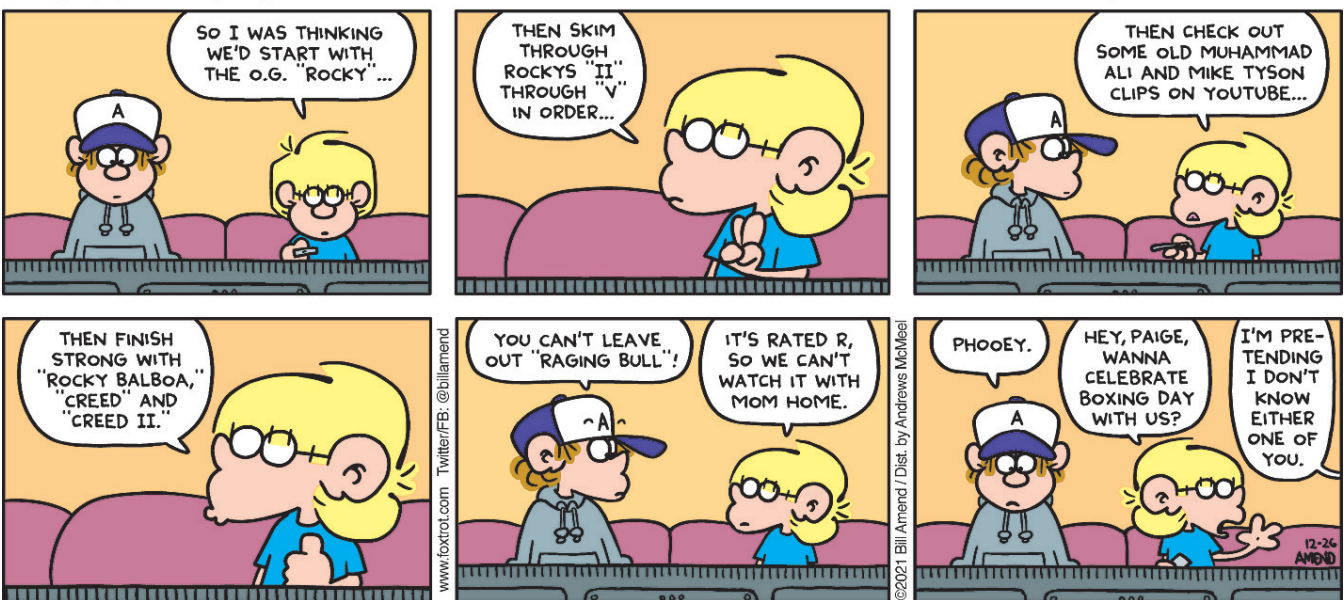
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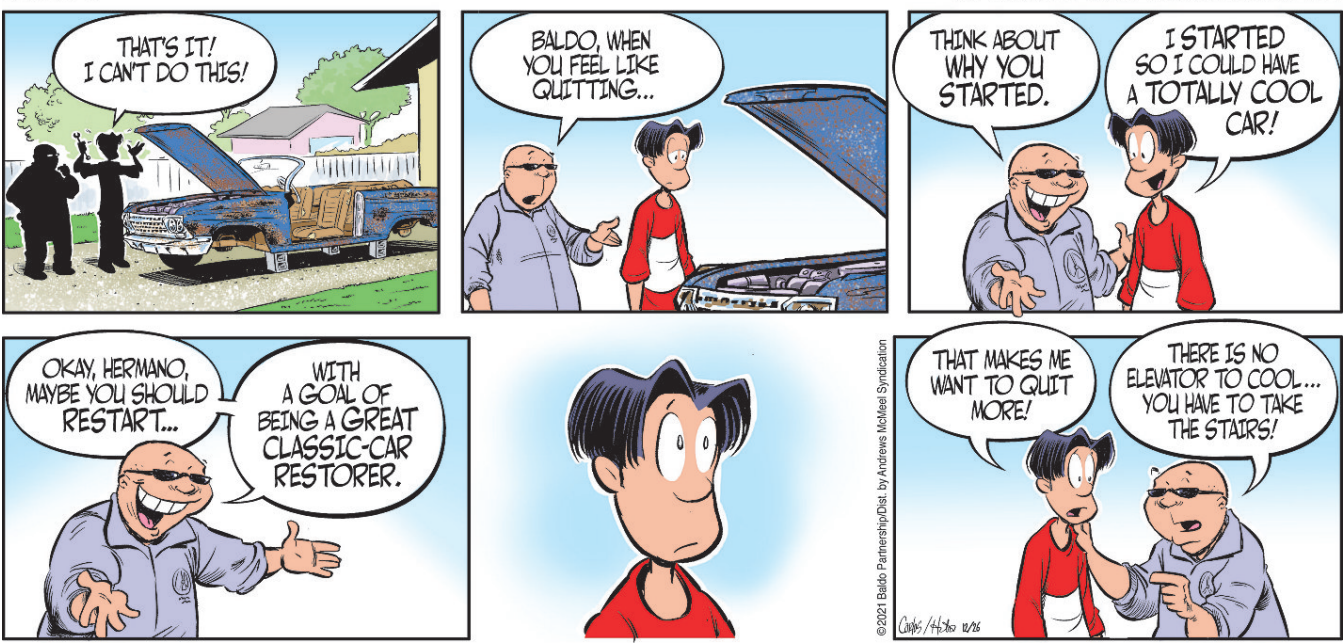
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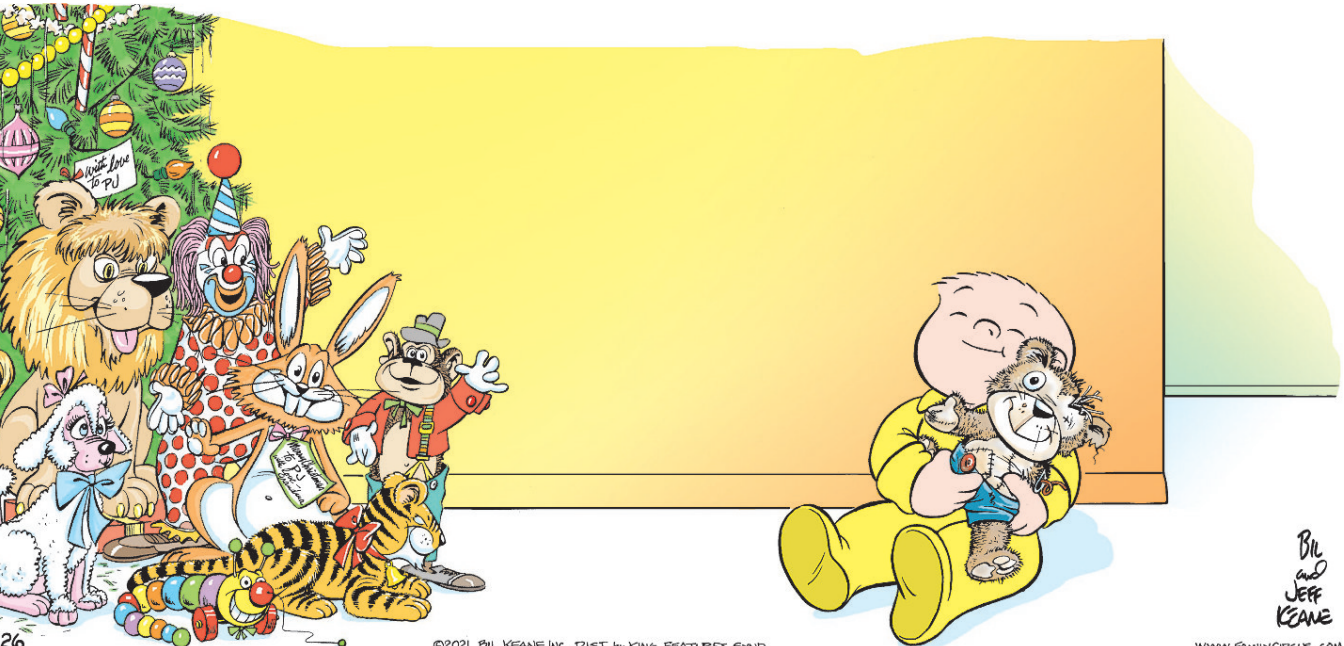
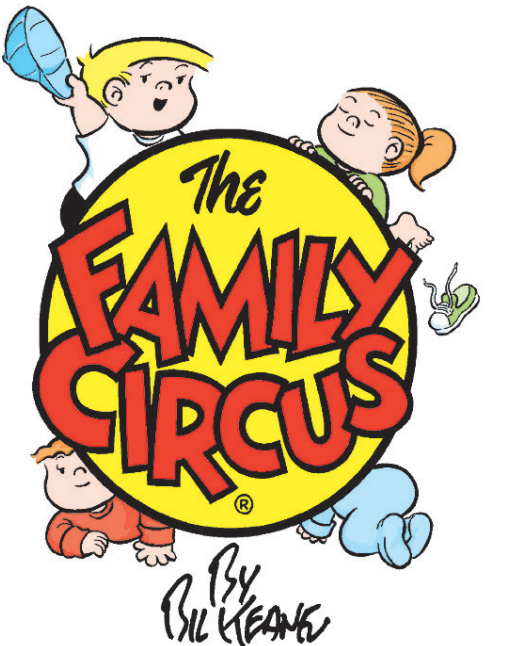
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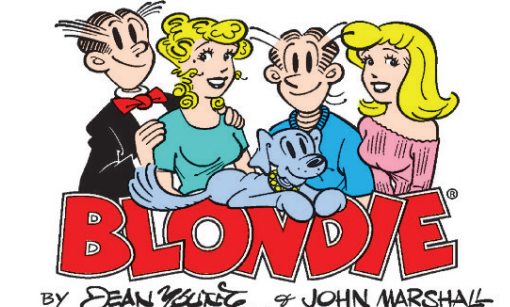
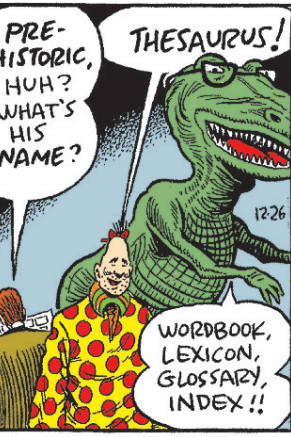
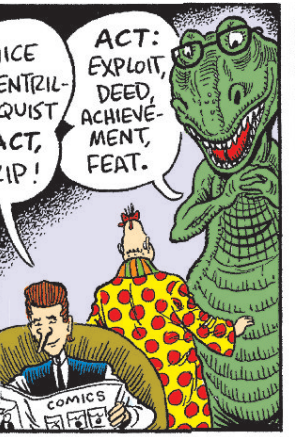
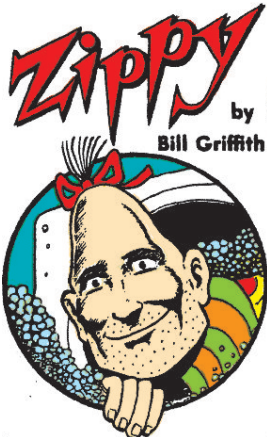
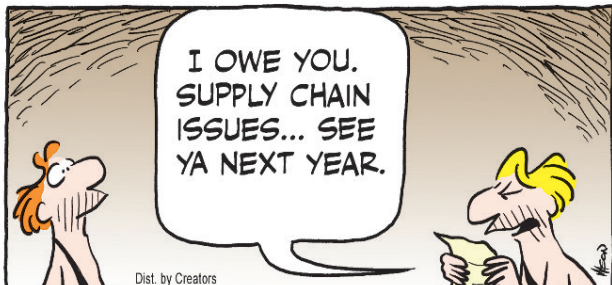
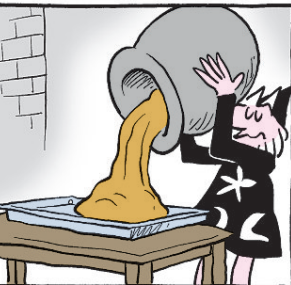
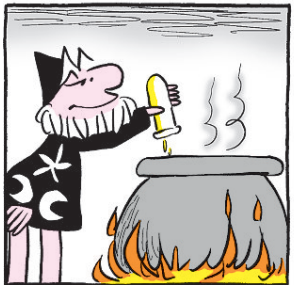
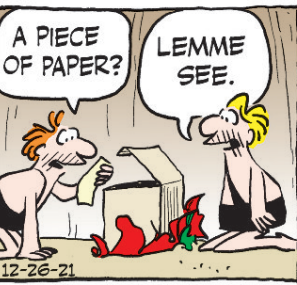
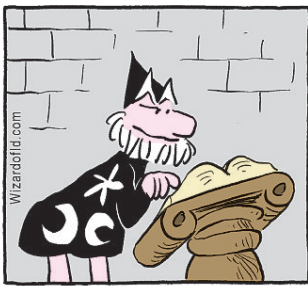


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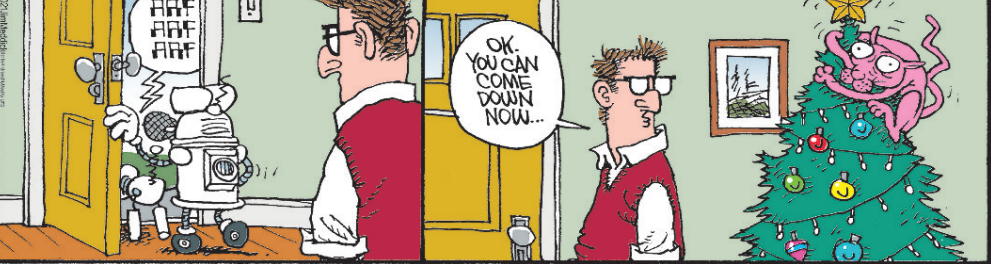
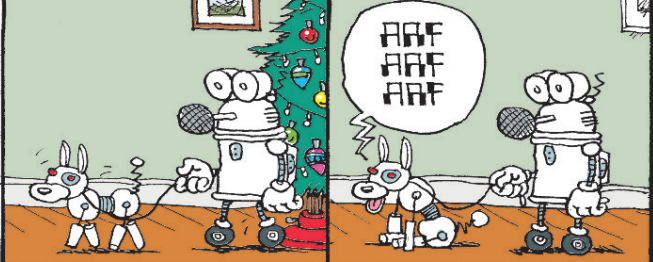
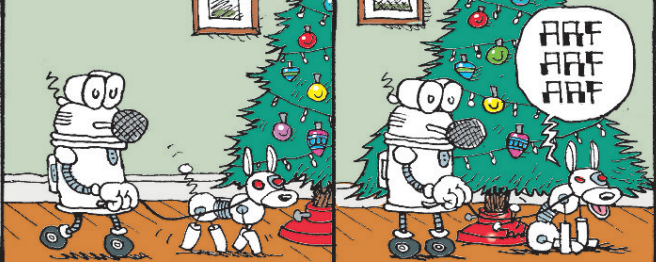
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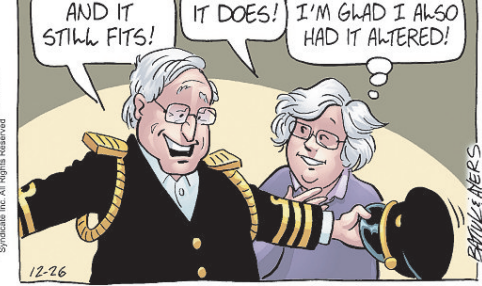
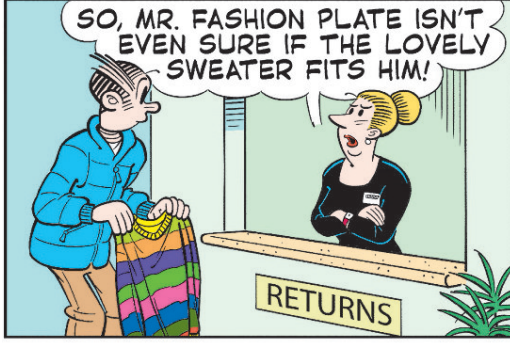
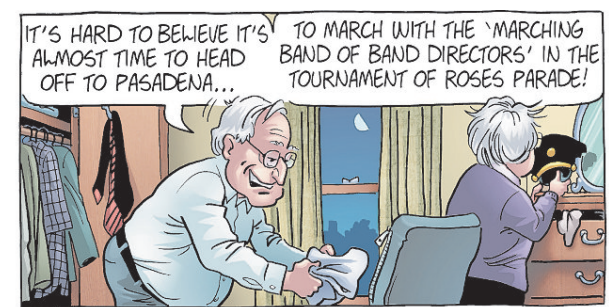
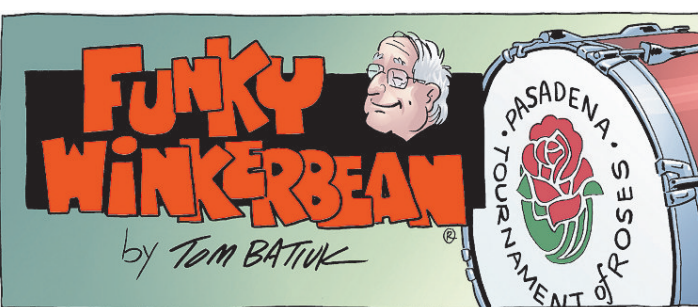
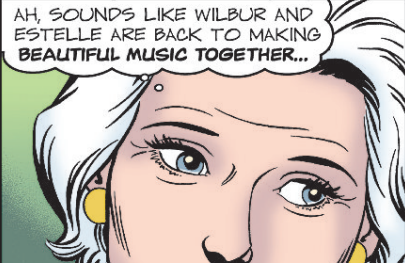
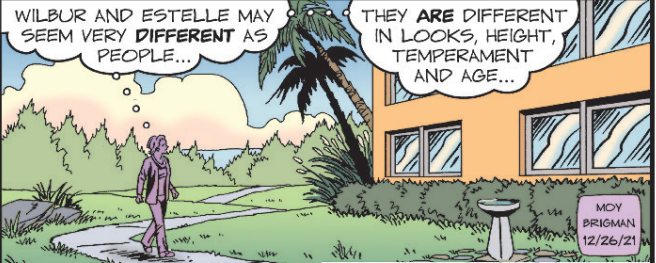
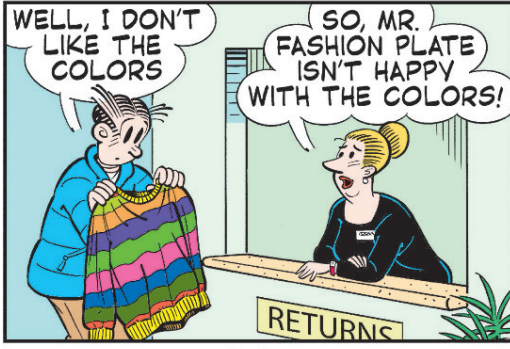
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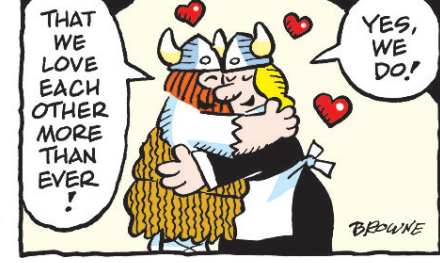
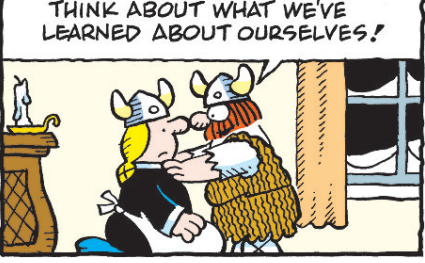
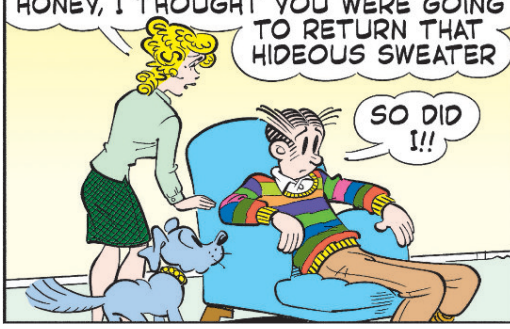
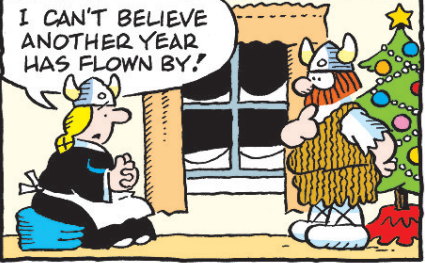
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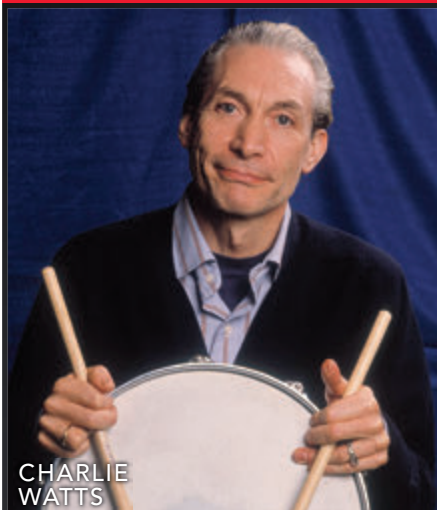
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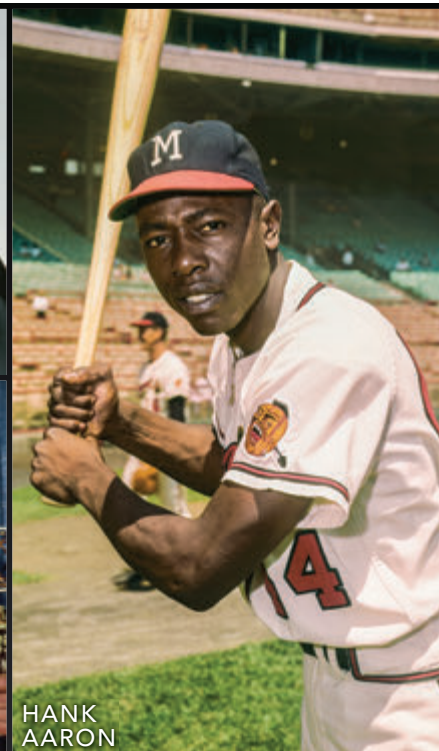
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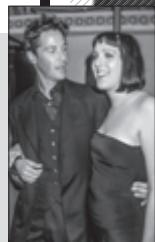
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LILY COLLINS RETURNS TO PARIS

Collins resumes her adventures in *Emily in Paris* (Dec. 22 on Netflix). Season two of the hit comedy-drama series finds her American-transplant character better at navigating the city but still struggling with the idiosyncrasies of French life and language. And like her character, Collins, 32, found herself more comfortable in the City of Light. "I definitely got to know [Paris] better this time around," she says, "because I wasn't taking a lot of public transport because of [COVID-19] regulations for filming, so I was walking a lot more."



◀ When his sister **Kim** was diagnosed with leukemia, he set up a private foundation to aid children's hospitals and cancer research.

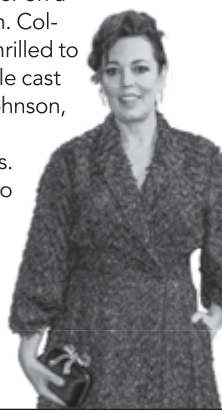
► One of his first roles: playing a competitive cyclist (for which he shaved his legs) in a 1980s commercial for Coca-Cola.



When Reeves first began acting, his agent thought his name was too exotic, so he was credited as K.C. Reeves, Norman Kreeves or Chuck Spadina.

OLIVIA COLMAN HITS THE BEACH

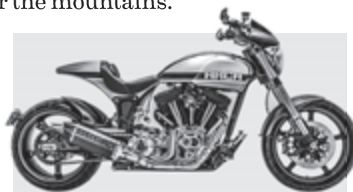
Colman—who received an Oscar for *The Favourite* and a nomination for *The Father*—is back in another awards-buzzy film role in *The Lost Daughter* (Dec. 31 on Netflix). The British actress stars in the psychological drama as Leda, a college professor who confronts the unconventional choices she made as a young mother after meeting a woman and her daughter on a Mediterranean vacation. Colman, 47, says she was thrilled to be a part of an ensemble cast that includes Dakota Johnson, Jessie Buckley, Peter Sarsgaard and Ed Harris. But one thing was not so thrilling: "I had to faint on the beach a lot—a hard, pebbly beach—and [I was] bruised and sore," she says. "But I was [still] excited about it all."



CHILLING WITH KEANU

Keanu Reeves returns in the long-awaited fourth film in the groundbreaking *Matrix* sci-fi franchise, *The Matrix Resurrections* (Dec. 22 in theaters and on HBO Max), which arrives nearly 20 years after the third, *The Matrix Revolutions* (2003). Here are some fun facts about the native Canadian actor, 57, whose first name means "cool breeze over the mountains."

He lost the role of Wolverine in *X-Men* to Hugh Jackman.



▲ An avid rider, he co-founded Arch Motorcycle Company, which builds and sells custom bikes.

In high school, Reeves contemplated trying out for the Canadian Olympic ice hockey team.



WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

RYAN SEACREST

The *American Idol* and *Live With Kelly and Ryan* host, 46, returns to Times Square for *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest* (Dec. 31 on ABC), celebrating the 50th anniversary of Clark's TV special. The festivities will ring in 2022 with more than five hours of celebrities, music and the first-ever Spanish-language countdown from Puerto Rico.

Why has *New Year's Rockin' Eve* stood the test of time? Dick Clark set the tone for a nationwide—now global—celebration by televising what happens in Times Square and creating a party and a big concert environment for people who are going to be home. So they can ring in the New Year, celebrate and feel like they're a part of something.

What will the party look like this year? Ciara and Billy Porter will be joining as co-hosts. Last year, as you're aware, there was nobody in Times Square, just a few people. This year, we're hoping it'll be a little more back to normal.

What's the secret to *American Idol*, returning in 2022 for its 20th anniversary, lasting for two decades? Looking back at some of the first seasons, the show looked and felt really different than it does now. Sure, the concept—the foundation—is the same. But look at the evolution of the artists who are auditioning now, and at the style of the show, and it's a real study of how one show can continue to evolve.

Do you make *New Year's resolutions*? I try to add a new layer to life every new year. This year my passion has migrated into the world of farming. I have personally planted two different olive groves in California. I'm studying how to cultivate those to create my own organic olive oil one day.

What's his worry about *American Idol*? Go to **Parade.com/seacrest** to find out.

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Contact your doctor right away if you think you might be experiencing any side effects, including eye pain or redness, light sensitivity, or blurring of vision, after an injection.

For additional safety information, please talk to your doctor and see the full Prescribing Information for EYLEA.

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EYLEA is an injection administered by your eye doctor into the eye. Depending on your condition, EYLEA injections are given on different schedules. Consult with your eye doctor to confirm which EYLEA schedule is appropriate for you.

Who should not use EYLEA?

Do not use EYLEA if you have an infection in or around the eye, eye pain or redness, inflammation in the eye, or are allergic to aflibercept and/or any other ingredients in EYLEA.

What is the most important information I should know about EYLEA?

- EYLEA must only be administered by a qualified eye doctor. Injection into the eye with EYLEA can result in an infection in the eye and retinal detachment (separation of retina from back of the eye) can occur. Inflammation in the eye has been reported with the use of EYLEA. If your eye becomes red, sensitive to light, painful, or develops a change in vision, seek immediate care from an eye doctor
- In some patients, injections with EYLEA may cause a temporary increase in eye pressure within 1 hour of the injection. Sustained increases in eye pressure have been reported with repeated injections, and your eye doctor may monitor this after each injection
- There is a potential but rare risk of serious and sometimes fatal side effects related to blood clots, leading to heart attack or stroke in patients receiving EYLEA
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- You may experience temporary visual changes after an EYLEA injection and associated eye exams; do not drive or use machinery until your vision recovers sufficiently
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What are possible side effects of EYLEA?

EYLEA can cause serious side effects, including

- See important safety information listed under “What is the most important information I should know about EYLEA?”

The most common side effects include

- Increased redness in the eye
- Eye pain
- Cataract
- Vitreous (gel-like substance) detachment
- Vitreous floaters
- Moving spots in the field of vision
- Increased pressure in the eye

There are other possible side effects of EYLEA. For more information, ask your eye doctor.

It is important that you contact your doctor right away if you think you might be experiencing any side effects, including eye pain or redness, light sensitivity, or blurring of vision, after an injection.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I tell my eye doctor before receiving EYLEA?

- Tell your eye doctor if you have any medical conditions
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How is EYLEA supplied?

EYLEA is supplied in a clear, colorless to pale yellow solution. It is provided in a pre-filled glass syringe or glass vial containing the amount of product required for a single injection into the eye, which is 0.05 mL (or 2 mg of the medicine product).

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Holiday Songs

Music is the one gift everyone gets for the holidays. As much as we love the catchy tunes, the stories behind the songs can be fascinating too. Here are eight of the most dramatic. Go to Parade.com/music for more.

—Jim Farber

1 “Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)”

The kickoff single from the album *A Christmas Gift for You From Phil Spector* had the unfortunate fate to be released on the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. In deference to the tragedy, both the single—voiced by girl group mainstay **Darlene Love**—and the album were temporarily pulled from stores. The song didn't click until 1986 when Love performed it on *Late Night With David Letterman*, kicking off a tradition that lasted until 2014. In 2015, Love started belting the classic on *The View*, and it broke into *Billboard*'s Top 20 this past January.

2 “Christmas Time Is Here”

The first *Peanuts*-related TV special, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, which debuted in 1965, has earned as much love for its music as for its characters and script. Cool jazz hipster Vince Guaraldi composed the score, and “Christmas Time Is Here,” which matches his plaintive piano

to a chorus of singing kids, is both aching and gorgeous.

3 “All I Want for Christmas Is You”

Nearly every “holiday classic” was written at least 40 years ago. In 1994, however, **Mariah Carey** cooked up a song that stands with the best of them. She later admitted it was written not from memories of a happy childhood (which she did not have) but “from my early fantasies of family and friendship.”

4 “White Christmas”

Irving Berlin wrote the classic and **Bing Crosby** first sang it in the 1942 movie *Holiday Inn*. The song resonated with American soldiers spending their first holiday away from home in the Pacific in the wake of the Pearl Harbor attack. Ironically, 33 years later, the song marked the end of the Vietnam War after it was played by the American Radio Service to signal troops to make their final evacuation.

5 “Feliz Navidad” Combining two cultures gave **José Feliciano** one of the



most beautiful hits of his career. For his 1970 release, he sang the verses in English and the chorus in Spanish. Fifty years later, this cross-cultural hit made a deeper impact than ever, hitting its all-time peak on the *Billboard* chart at No. 6.

6 “The Chanukah Song”

Despite many of the best-known holiday songs being penned by Jewish writers, including “White Christmas,” “The Christmas Song” and “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree,” it took a comic to score a Top 10 Hanukkah song. **Adam Sandler** debuted his witty piece in 1994 on *Saturday Night Live*, stuffing it with names of celebrities who are either fully Jewish (David Lee Roth), part Jewish (Paul Newman) or not at all Jewish (O.J. Simpson).

7 “The Christmas Song (Merry Christmas to You)”

Amid a July heatwave in 1945, songwriter Robert Wells decided to “stay cool by thinking cool,” according to singer **Mel Tormé**, his writing partner on this song. The pair took just 40

minutes to write what became the most-performed cold-season song of all time. Tormé wasn't the first singer to perform it. The Nat King Cole Trio had the initial crack. In fact, Cole wound up cutting four separate versions, the last of which (in 1961) became the one most fans cherish.

8 “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree”

The youngest person ever to score a hit holiday classic was 13-year-old **Brenda Lee**. The 1958 song was penned by Johnny Marks, who had already written seasonal standards like “A Holly Jolly Christmas” and “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.” It hit *Billboard*'s Top 10 as recently as 2019.

COMING JANUARY 2!

Anthony Anderson on the final season of *Black-ish* and his role on the *Law & Order* reboot.



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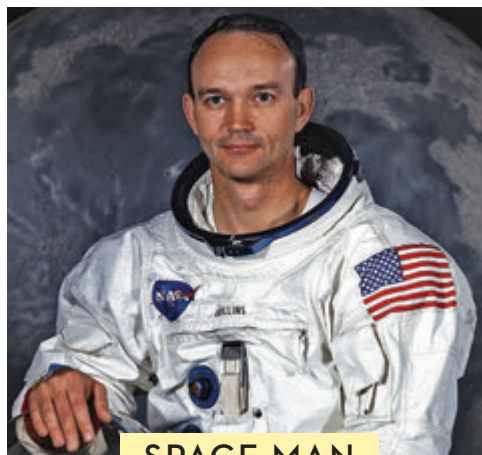
Former fashion model **CICELY TYSON**, who portrayed strong characters on stage and screen for more than 60 years (she earned a Tony, three Emmys and numerous nominations), was best known for her roles in the films *Sounder* and *The Help* and on TV in *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* and *Roots*. She died Jan. 28 at age 96 of undisclosed causes.



The only actor to win Emmys for playing the same character (Lou Grant) in both a comedy (*The Mary Tyler Moore Show*) and a drama (his own spinoff from that hit series, entitled *Lou Grant*), **ED ASNER** died of natural causes Aug. 29 at age 91.



PRINCE PHILIP, a decorated World War II veteran and husband to Queen Elizabeth II, died of natural causes in England's Windsor Castle April 9 at age 99. The longest-serving consort of a British monarch, the Duke of Edinburgh also was the longest-lived male member of the British royal family.



SPACE MAN

While Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first astronauts to step foot on the moon in July 1969, **MICHAEL COLLINS** was doing an equally important job: piloting the orbiting spaceship, *Columbia*. An Air Force fighter pilot who joined NASA during its two-astronaut Gemini program, he became the third American to perform a spacewalk and eventually logged 266 hours in space. He died of cancer April 28 at age 90.

FAREWELL, PHYLLIS

CLORIS LEACHMAN, the Iowa-born Oscar winner for *The Last Picture Show*, also was a standout on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Phyllis* and *Malcolm in the Middle* and in the movies *Young Frankenstein* and *Bad Santa*. Leachman won eight Emmy Awards and set a record for competing on *Dancing With the Stars* in 2008—at the age of 82. She died following a stroke, with COVID-19 complications, Jan. 27 at age 94.



The Academy Award winner for playing mother to Cher's Loretta in the Oscar-winning 1987 movie *Moonstruck*, **OLYMPIA DUKAKIS** boasts other memorable roles in *Steel Magnolias* and *Tales of the City*. The prolific theater actress, who was a cousin of Massachusetts politician Michael Dukakis, died May 1 at 89.



By the time he was 10, **DEAN STOCKWELL** had appeared on Broadway and in movies with such notables as Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly. He also is remembered for TV and film roles in *Quantum Leap*, *Married to the Mob* (which earned him an Oscar nomination), *Dune* and *Paris, Texas*. He died of natural causes at 85 on Nov. 7.



With an acting career spanning nearly 50 years, **NED BEATTY** was memorable in *Deliverance*, *Nashville*, *All the President's Men*, *Superman*, *Rudy*, *Roseanne*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Charlie Wilson's War* and *Network*, for which he was nominated for his only Oscar. He died of natural causes June 13 at age 83.



Phil and **DON EVERLY** initially found fame in Nashville by writing songs for Grand Ole Opry star Roy Acuff's publishing company and then with their own hits, including "Bye Bye Love," "Wake Up Little Susie," "All I Have to Do Is Dream" and more. The Everly Brothers were among the first inductees into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Don died Aug. 21 at age 84. (Brother Phil died in 2014 at 74.)



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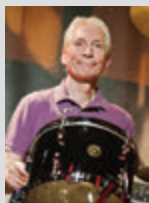
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MR. CHAIRMAN

Raised in New York City by Jamaican immigrants, **COLIN POWELL** was the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (under President George H.W. Bush) and went on to serve as the U.S. secretary of state (the first Black American to hold that job as well) during the presidency of George W. Bush. Powell, who was being treated for blood cancer, died of COVID-19 Oct. 18 at age 84.



A jazz-influenced rock 'n' roll drummer, **CHARLIE WATTS** became the thumping heartbeat of the Rolling Stones when he came aboard in 1963. A graphic designer before joining the band, he used those skills to help design the sets for some of the Stones' tours as well as several of their album covers. He died Aug. 24 at 80 following surgery for an undisclosed condition.



Founding ZZ Top bassist **DUSTY HILL**, who grew up playing the cello but was steeped in the blues of Southern Black troubadours like Muddy Waters and Son House, helped the group earn three Grammy nominations—the latest in 2021 for the music film *That Little Ol' Band From Texas*. He died of cancer July 28 at age 72.



DUSTIN DIAMOND appeared as Screech in all 86 episodes of the popular late-'80s/early-'90s high school sitcom *Saved by the Bell*. He died of small-cell carcinoma of the lungs Feb. 1 at age 44.



HAMMERIN' HANK

Hall of Famer **HANK AARON** was Major League Baseball's all-time home run king, with 755 (before Barry Bonds entered the picture). He started out in the Negro Leagues, then moved to the majors, playing for the Milwaukee and Atlanta Braves. He was a devoted civil rights activist who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from George W. Bush. After his 23-season MLB career, Aaron owned several Atlanta car dealerships; he gave an autographed baseball to every customer who purchased a new car. He died Jan. 22 of natural causes at age 86.



Half of the famous Las Vegas magic duo Siegfried & Roy, **SIEGFRIED FISCHBACHER** died of pancreatic cancer Jan. 13 at 81.



Broadway, film and dog-dad (Beethoven) legend **CHARLES GRODIN** died at age 86 on May 18 of bone marrow cancer.



Iconic CNN broadcasting host **LARRY KING** was known for his suspenders and for conversing on the air with just about everyone who was anyone, including presidents and politicians, pop stars, superstar athletes and legendary actors. He died of sepsis Jan. 23 at age 87.



Versatile and prolific actor **GAVIN MACLEOD**, best known for his TV roles as ship captain Merrill Stubing on *The Love Boat* and television writer Murray Slaughter on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, was 90 when he died on May 29.

A Canadian comedian with a comically deadpan delivery, **NORM MACDONALD** first rose to prominence as a Roseanne writer and then graduated to *Saturday Night Live*'s "Weekend Update" desk. He died Sept. 14 at 61 after a near-decade fight with acute leukemia.



Author and artist **ERIC CARLE**'s beloved *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*—recognizable by its hand-painted tissue paper collages—has sold more than 55 million copies and been translated into more than 70 languages. Award-winning Carle published more than 70 books. He died May 23 of kidney failure at 91.



"I'm hooked on a feelin', high on believin' that you're in love with me," sang Oklahoma-born Grammy winner **B.J. THOMAS**, whose other hit songs include "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," the Oscar-winning tune from the *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* soundtrack. He died of lung cancer May 29 at 78.



NIGHT COURT STAR

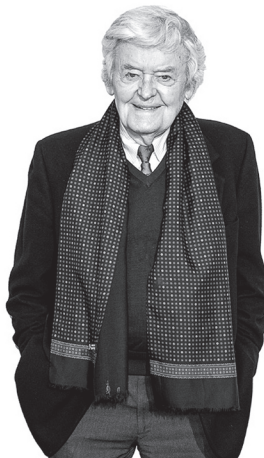
Fan favorite **MARKIE POST** starred as bail bondsman Terri Michaels on TV's *The Fall Guy*, public defender Christine Sullivan on *Night Court* and reporter Georgie Anne Lahti on *Hearts Afire*. One of her final TV appearances was playing herself in a season-three episode of *30 Rock*, when she, Harry Anderson and Charles Robinson (who died July 11 at age 75) staged a mock reunion of the *Night Court* cast. Post died of cancer Aug. 7 at age 70.



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MARKING MR. TWAIN

A flair for the historical led to a long acting career for five-time Emmy winner and Tony-winning Mark Twain impersonator **HAL HOLBROOK**, who headlined his own internationally renowned one-man show. Among his many roles, Holbrook portrayed the president in the 1974 *Lincoln* TV miniseries as well as his Oval Office adviser, Preston Blair, in Steven Spielberg's 2012 *Lincoln* film. Long-time husband to actress Dixie Carter (who died in 2010), he died Jan. 23 at age 95 of natural causes.



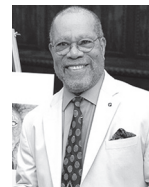
Carrie Bradshaw's BFF **WILLIE GARSON** was set to reprise his role as Stanford Blatch in the *Sex and the City* reboot *And Just Like That...* before he died from pancreatic cancer Sept. 21 at age 57.



Freddy Jones, the smarty-pants drummer in the 2003 Jack Black comedy *School of Rock*, was played by **KEVIN CLARK**, who went on to be a musician and songwriter. The 32-year-old had just formed a new band when he died after being hit by a car as he rode his bike in Chicago on May 26.



Caldecott Medal-winning author and illustrator **JERRY PINKNEY** was beloved for his kid-friendly books and his portraits of historic Black figures, including Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, for the Black Heritage stamp series. He died of a heart attack Oct. 20 at 81.



Important Legal Notice from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

If you are a current or former owner or lessee of certain Volkswagen or Audi vehicles, you could get cash and other benefits from a class action settlement.

Si desea recibir esta notificación en español, llámenos o visite nuestra página web.

A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit alleging that consumers sustained economic losses because they purchased or leased vehicles from Volkswagen AG, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., VW Credit, Inc., Audi AG, or Audi of America, LLC (collectively "Volkswagen") containing allegedly defective airbags manufactured by Takata Corporation and its affiliates ("Takata"). The Settlement includes certain vehicles made by Volkswagen (the "Subject Vehicles"). Volkswagen denies any and all allegations of wrongdoing and the Court has not decided who is right.

If you have already received a separate recall notice for your Volkswagen or Audi vehicle and have not yet had your Takata airbag repaired, you should do so as soon as possible. When recalled Takata airbags deploy, they may, in very rare cases and under certain circumstances, spray metal debris toward vehicle occupants and may cause serious injury. However, some Volkswagen and Audi vehicles may be recalled for repair at a later date. Please see www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/takata-recall-spotlight#for-consumers-overview for further details about whether your vehicle is recalled and, if so, what you should do.

Am I included in the proposed Settlement? The Settlement includes the following persons and entities:

- Owners or lessees, as of November 10, 2021, of a Subject Vehicle that was distributed for sale or lease in the United States or any of its territories or possessions, and
- Former owners or lessees of a Subject Vehicle that was distributed for sale or lease in the United States or any of its territories or possessions, who, between February 9, 2016 and November 10, 2021, sold or returned, pursuant to a lease, a Subject Vehicle.

A full list of the Subject Vehicles can be found at www.AutoAirbagSettlement.com. The Settlement does not involve claims of personal injury.

What does the Settlement provide? Volkswagen has agreed to a Settlement with a value of approximately \$42 million, including a 20% credit for the Enhanced Rental Car/Loaner Program. The Settlement Funds will be used to pay for Settlement benefits and cover the costs of the Settlement over an approximately four-year period.

The Settlement offers several benefits for Class Members, including (1) payments for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred related to a Takata airbag recall of a Subject Vehicle, (2) a Rental Car/Loaner Program while certain Subject Vehicles are awaiting repair, (3) an Outreach Program to maximize completion of the recall remedy, (4) additional cash payments to Class Members from residual settlement funds, if any remain, and (5) a Customer Support Program to help with repairs associated with replacement airbag inflators. The Settlement Website explains each of these benefits in detail.

How can I get a Payment? You must file a claim to receive a payment during the first four years of the Settlement. If you still own or lease a Subject Vehicle, you must also bring it to an authorized dealership for the recall remedy, as directed by a recall notice, if you have not already done so. Visit the website and file a claim online or download one and file by mail. The deadline to file a claim will be at least one year from the date the Settlement is finalized. All deadlines will be posted on the website when they are known.

What are my other options? If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **February 14, 2022**. If you do not exclude yourself, you will release any claims you may have against Volkswagen and the Released Parties, in exchange for certain settlement benefits. The potential available benefits are more fully described in the Settlement, available at the Settlement Website. You may object to the Settlement by **February 14, 2022**. You cannot both exclude yourself from, and object to, the Settlement. The Long Form Notice for the Settlement available on the website listed below explains how to exclude yourself or object. The Court will hold a fairness hearing on **March 7, 2022** to consider whether to finally approve the Settlement and a request for attorneys' fees of up to 30% of the total Settlement Amount. You may appear at the fairness hearing, either by yourself or through an attorney hired by you, but you don't have to. For more information, including the relief, eligibility and release of claims, in English or Spanish, call or visit the website below.

TOM HANKS' BOSOM BUDDY

Remembered for television roles on *Goodtime Girls*;



Bosom Buddies; *Newhart*; *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids: The TV Show*; *Gotham*; *Evil*; and the ABC miniseries *Madoff*, **PETER SCOLARI** won an Emmy for playing Hannah's dad on HBO's *Girls* in 2016. He died of cancer Oct. 22 at 66.

Fans know him best as Omar from *The Wire*, but **MICHAEL K. WILLIAMS** first danced his way to a music-video role alongside Madonna. He went on to perform in *Boardwalk Empire*, *The Night Of*, *When We Rise* and *Lovecraft Country*, for which he earned his fifth Emmy nomination. He died of a drug overdose Sept. 6 at age 54.



CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER, forever remembered as *The Sound of Music*'s Captain von Trapp, received two Emmys, two Tonys and an Oscar. Trained in Shakespeare, he gave commanding stage performances in *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Henry V* and more, and he acted in a variety of films, including *Beginners*, *A Beautiful Mind*, *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* and *Knives Out*. He died at age 91 on Feb. 5 after a fall.



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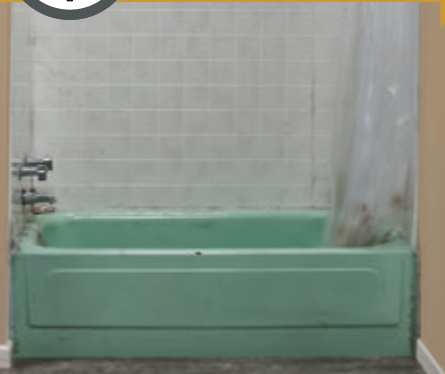
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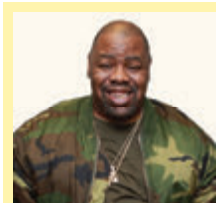
A musician would marry a man named Fred in 1952. Soon after, **JOANNE ROGERS** provided voice work for his first TV show, *The Children's Corner*, and would become the inspiration for the puppet Queen Sara on *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. She died of natural causes Jan. 14 at age 92.



Independent filmmaker, actor, novelist, playwright, painter and musician **MELVIN VAN PEEBLES** surprised Hollywood with his wildly successful 1971 "blaxploitation" epic *Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song*, a tale of a young Black man's travails against the police. The father of actor-director Mario Van Peebles, he died at age 89 on Sept. 21.



MARCUS A. YORK's character Billy Merchant, property manager of the building that housed *The Office's* Dunder Mifflin Paper Company, had many comedic run-ins with Steve Carell's manager character Michael Scott, usually about the real-life wheelchair used by the paraplegic actor. York, a strong advocate for people with disabilities, died May 19 at 55.



Fans came to know **BIZ MARKIE**—the "Clown Prince of Hip-Hop"—from his beatboxing and producing, most notably on his hit "Just a Friend," and as an actor in the movie *Men in Black II* or on TV's *In Living Color*, *Empire* and *Black-ish*. He died July 16 at 57 after a long struggle with Type 2 diabetes.



For decades, millions of people tuned in to radio and then television to hear **RUSH LIMBAUGH**

give his conservative slant on political events. He died of lung cancer Feb. 17 at age 70. In 2020, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from Donald Trump.



At *Friends'* Central Perk coffee shop, Jennifer Aniston's Rachel is manager Gunther's forever crush. **JAMES MICHAEL TYLER**,

the actor who played him, was first cast as an extra, but his "unique spirit" caught the eyes of the show's creators, who decided to expand his story. Tyler died Oct. 24 at age 59 of prostate cancer.

Canada-born comedian **MORT SAHL** paved the way for Lenny Bruce, George Carlin, Joan Rivers, Richard Pryor, Bill Maher, Jon Stewart and others with his humorous discourses on edgy cultural topics in the 1950s and '60s. His debut album, *At Sunset*, was deemed by the Library of Congress as the "earliest example of modern stand-up comedy on record." He died of natural causes on Oct. 26 at age 94.



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What America

Eats



Easy Holiday Coffee Cake

With a generous shower of buttery nuts and brown sugar, plus a drizzle of icing, this coffee cake channels the flavor of classic cinnamon rolls. It's from the new cookbook *Y'all Come Over* by Rebecca Lang and ideal for your holiday brunch fun.

MAKE-AHEAD CINNAMON COFFEE CAKE

In a large bowl, beat $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (1½ sticks) **unsalted butter**, softened, on medium speed until creamy. Gradually add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup **granulated sugar** and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup firmly packed **light brown sugar**, beating well. Add 2 **large eggs**, 1 at a time, beating just until blended after each addition.

In a medium bowl, combine 2 cups **all-purpose flour**, 1 tsp **baking powder**, 1 tsp **baking soda**, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp **salt** and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp **ground cinnamon**. In a small bowl, combine 1 cup **sour cream**, $\frac{1}{3}$ cup **heavy cream** and 1 tsp **vanilla extract**. With mixer speed on low, add flour mixture to butter mixture, alternating with sour cream mixture, beginning and ending with flour. Allow each addition to fully incorporate before adding next. Scrape batter into a greased and floured 13-by-9-inch pan. Cover tightly; chill 8–24 hours.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Let batter stand at room temperature 30 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine $\frac{3}{4}$ cup coarsely chopped **pecans**, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sliced **almonds**, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup firmly packed light brown sugar, 6 Tbsp all-purpose flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup ($\frac{1}{2}$ stick) melted unsalted butter and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground cinnamon. Sprinkle over batter. Bake 32–35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

In a small bowl, stir together 1 cup **powdered sugar** and 2 Tbsp **milk** until glossy and looks like ribbons when spoon is lifted from bowl. Drizzle over warm cake. **Serves 8–10.**

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